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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - ANTI-RACKETEERING

Rebulet to New York dated 12/10/57.

Based on a review of San Diego Office files and recent contacts with reliable sources there are listed herewith, together with their FBI numbers, ten individuals deemed to be among the top hoodlums in the San Diego Division:

1. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
2. FRANK BOMPENSIERO, FBI No. 337240
3. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
4. ABRAHAM J. KAHN, FBI No. 787113
5. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
6. ANTONIO MIRABLE, FBI No. 908635
7. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
8. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
9. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]
10. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted]

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Summary reports will be submitted in accordance with relet.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - ANTI-RACKETEERING. REBURAD DECEMBER 17 LAST IN CAPTIONED MATTER. REQUESTED DATA IS AS FOLLOWS. BULET OF DECEMBER 10 LAST RECEIVED AT SAN DIEGO DECEMBER 11 LAST. SD LETTER TRANSMITTING LIST OF TOP TEN HOODLUMS SUBMITTED DECEMBER 12 LAST. NO ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION RECOMMENDED.

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TITLE: ACTIVITIES OF TOP TEN HOODLUMS IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION

CHARACTER OF CASE: ANTI-RACKETEERING

SUMMARY REPORT

The following individuals have been designated the top 10 hoodlums in the San Diego Field Division:

1. [redacted] FBI No. [redacted] WMA, born [redacted] at [redacted] [redacted] has been active in prostitution, narcotics, and burglary. He has operated call houses in Hollywood and Bakersfield, California. He is an associate of BOMPENSIERO, KAHN, and other local hoodlums. b7C

2. FRANK BOMPENSIERO, was., FBI No. 337240, WMA, born 9/29/1905 at Milwaukee, Wisconsin. BOMPENSIERO is presently in the California State Penitentiary, having been sentenced on 5/16/55 to imprisonment for from six months to fourteen years each on three counts of conspiracy to commit a crime and asking or receiving bribes from a public officer. He has operated several bars in San Diego. He is considered a leader of the Italian hoodlum element in San Diego and has been accused of "Mafia" connections.

3. [redacted] wa., FBI No. [redacted] WMA, born [redacted] [redacted] JACK I. DRAGNA, now deceased, notorious Los Angeles hoodlum. He is associated with BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] of JACK DRAGNA, in partnership operation of the b7C

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Gold Rail Bar in San Diego. He was listed by the Los Angeles Police Department 2/14/50 as suspect in conspiracy to commit murder in connection with the bombing of the home of MICKEY COHEN; he was released. Gold Rail Bar is hangout for Italian Element and Bookmakers in San Diego.

4. ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, wa., FBI No. 787113, WMA, born 3/25/92 at Wilno, Russia. KAHN is a wealthy liquor store and night club owner. He is reportedly engaged in gambling, income tax evasion, and has encouraged prostitution in his night clubs.

5. [redacted] was., FBI No. [redacted] b7C
[redacted] recently moved to San Diego from the San Bernardino, California area, where the [redacted] family, along with [redacted] and [redacted] reportedly controlled criminal activities, including gambling. [redacted] is business agent, Culinary Alliance and Hotel Service Employees Union, Local 402, San Diego. Another [redacted] is associated in the insurance business with [redacted] who is Italian consulate official, San Diego.

6. [redacted] was., FBI No. [redacted] WMA, [redacted] is married to the daughter of [redacted] [redacted] described as Detroit, Michigan racketeer. He is a member of the [redacted] family in San Diego, which family operates numerous bars and cafes and is influential among the Italian element. Sources state [redacted] has assumed leadership of young b7C
Italian hoodlum element in San Diego. He is associate of [redacted] and other local hoodlums.

7. ANTHONY MIRABILE, was., FBI No. 908635, WMA, born 1/1/94 at Alcoma (Sicily), Italy. MIRABILE

reportedly controls or dictates to other Italian bar owners in San Diego. He also reportedly controls the bartenders and waitresses unions in San Diego.

8. [redacted] was., FBI No. [redacted] WMA, born [redacted] is narcotics dealer and receiver of stolen goods, including automobiles, in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. b7C

9. [redacted] was., FBI No. [redacted] WMA, born [redacted] is reputed to handle narcotics and to be contact for criminal element in Oceanside, California. He and his brothers operate several bars in Oceanside. b7C

10. [redacted] was., FBI No. [redacted] WMA, born [redacted] is reputed to be one of leading bookmakers in San Diego area, and to be local contact for out-of-town bookmakers and gamblers.

Known criminal activities and legitimate enterprises set out. Descriptions furnished. BOMPENSIERO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND WAS A SUSPECT IN AT LEAST TWO MURDERS. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. [redacted] HAS IN THE PAST SHOT AT MEXICAN POLICE OFFICERS AND IS REPORTED TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES; HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. b7C

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I. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

A. BURGLARIES

[redacted] has been identified by officers of the Chula Vista Police Department, including Lieutenant [redacted] and officers of the San Diego Police Department, Burglary Detail, including Sergeant [redacted] as having been involved in the burglary of a safe, using explosives, at Christie's Cafe, Chula Vista, California, on June 10, 1957. [redacted] was allegedly associated with two ex-convicts and experienced safe men, [redacted] These officers expressed the opinion that these individuals are engaged in safe jobs and burglaries throughout Southern California and possibly Arizona.

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B. FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT b7C

BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] were involved in the following described matter:

Investigation conducted in August, 1957 in the case entitled [redacted] was. APPLICATION FOR PARDON AFTER COMPLETION OF SENTENCE", revealed that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit (ATTU) of the United States Treasury Department conducted investigation in 1954 relating to an application for Wholesaler's Basic Permit in behalf of the Sunland Distributing Company, Incorporated, San Diego, California. Investigation by the ATTU revealed that early in 1954 FRANK BOMPENSIERO, a San Diego tavern owner-operator, and holder of a Retailers Permit, learned through [redacted] a San Diego liquor distributor, that the Sunland Distributing Company was for sale. BOMPENSIERO and [redacted] then went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin where they conferred with JOSEPH A. [redacted] who thereafter approached the representatives of the Joseph Schlitz Brewing Company in Milwaukee and proposed that they appoint him the Schlitz beer distributor at San Diego. The distributor at that time was [redacted] who had expressed a desire to sell his business. On April 1, 1954 the Sunland Distributing Company, Incorporated was purchased in the name of [redacted] attorney in San Diego, [redacted] through a cashier's check in the amount of $139,442.92. In making application for the Federal Government for a Wholesaler's Basic Permit, in behalf of the Sunland Distributing Company, [redacted] through his attorney, [redacted] stated in the application that the company was "financed by [redacted] Investigation by the ATTU revealed that the $139,442.92 received for this purpose was obtained as follows:

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1. Seven checks totaling $50,000 provided by [redacted] retired, of San Diego, California.

2. A cashier's check for $45,000 endorsed by [redacted] had been deposited April 1, 1954 under [redacted] account on a loan by [redacted] at the Security Trust and Savings Bank of San Diego, where [redacted] told bank officials he was borrowing the money to lend to his sister [redacted] who was making an investment in the Sunland Distributing Company. b7C

3. A personal check in the amount of $45,000 payable to [redacted] drawn by [redacted] and endorsed "Advanced payment for purchase of the Tropics and Aloha by [redacted] These funds reportedly came from a $30,000 deposit to [redacted] account March 26, 1954, of which $25,000 was in three Detroit, Michigan cashier's checks dated January 25, 1954 payable to [redacted] and wife, drawn on the Detroit, Michigan bank. (Checks not further explained) A $5,000 check from [redacted] a partner with [redacted] and FRANK BOMPENSIERO in the operation of the Sunland Amusement Company, Incorporated of San Diego, California, a separate venture, made up the rest of the $30,000. The remaining $15,000 comprising this $45,000 personal check is reported to be a deposit March 30, 1954 to [redacted] account from the account of FRANK BOMPENSIERO which was obtained by the Southland Amusement Company from the U. S. National Bank of San Diego to buy Seaburg record players. b7C

Facts in the case were presented to the Assistant United States Attorney, San Diego, California, by the ATTU for a prosecutive opinion under Title 18, Section 1001, and Title 18, Section 371 in connection with a general conspiracy to conceal material facts in an affidavit presented to the U. S. Government. Prosecution was declined on February 27, 1957.

C. GAMBLING

BOMPENSIERO [redacted] as owners of bars in San Diego, and [redacted] who with his brothers owns bars in Oceanside, California, have been alleged by reliable sources in the past to encourage bookmaking within said taverns. Taverns operated by these individuals are frequented by the Italian hoodlum element within the San Diego Division. b7C

Investigation conducted in 1946 relating to the reactivation of the CAPONE Gang revealed that in 1946 the "TRANS AMERICAN PUBLISHING AND NEWS SERVICE" was set up in competition to the "SOUTHWEST WIRE SERVICE" (CONTINENTAL PRESS). Trans American was reported to be headed in Los Angeles by [redacted] with JACK I. DRAGNA as his lieutenant. [redacted] operated the Southwest Wire Service in San Diego, but through pressure from [redacted] some bookmakers in San Diego switched over to Trans American. b7C

In November, 1946, [redacted] Agent, Intelligence Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, San Diego, advised that he had overheard [redacted] of the "Real McCoy", Fourth and "E" Streets, San Diego, comment on the fact that FRANK BOMPENSIERO, who manages the "Gold Rail", had approached [redacted] concerning the purchase of racing news. [redacted] was heard to remark that even though the price at which the news was to have been furnished by BOMPENSIERO was less than the amount presently being paid to the Southwest News Service he would continue to purchase his racing news from [redacted] b7C

In June, 1947, Trans American ostensibly folded in San Diego. [redacted] admitted shortly thereafter, however, that FRANK BOMPENSIERO was the actual head of Trans American in San Diego under JACK I. DRAGNA and MIRABLE, and he, [redacted] had to pay BOMPENSIERO $60 per week out of the proceeds from the operation of the Southwest News Service (Continental Press) on orders of [redacted] b7C

Sergeant [redacted] in charge of the Vice Detail, San Diego Police Department, and Sergeant b7C

[redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, have advised that the Aloha Club, Buccaneer Cafe, Green's Cafe, and Kelly's Club, operated by [redacted] and his associates, are hangouts of San Diego bookmakers. b7C

In 1952 United States Treasury Agent [redacted] and Deputy Sheriff R. S. NEWSOM, Sheriff's Office, San Diego, advised that ABE KAHN was reported to be the big "lay off" money man for local hoodlums and although his Club Royal is located at the end of a strip of bars owned almost exclusively by Italians, it is one of the better known clubs on this strip. As reported previously, KAHN has been an associate in gambling and bookmaking activities with [redacted] b7C

On May 5, 1954, [redacted] advised that over a period of the past four years he had been placing bets through ABE and [redacted] at the Club Royal. He related that March 27, 1954 he placed a $1,000 bet; $500 with each, ABE and [redacted] The bet should have paid off $7,600. but the KAHNs welched, offering [redacted] the return of his $1,000. b7C

Detective [redacted] Vice Squad, San Diego Police Department in 1954 advised that other individuals including [redacted] a fisherman, had complained about placing bets with the KAHNs which were later welched on. According to [redacted] KAHN had openly refused to pay off these bets and reportedly made the statement that if he went to jail for them he would take half of San Diego with him. [redacted] and others have reported that booking operations were conducted in 1954 rather openly by the KAHNs from the Club Royal. b7C

The KAHN family has been known to maintain a box in the club house at Del Mar and to be heavy betters.

In 1954 [redacted] Thoroughbred Horseracing Protective Bureau, informed SA [redacted] [redacted] that ABE KAHN reportedly bought a $50 ticket for [redacted] of the San Diego Police Department and the horse had lost. On August 9, 1954, Mr. HANSON advised he had interviewed an individual by the name of [redacted] concerning allegations b7C

by [redacted] that the KAHNs had welched on large bets. According to [redacted] stated he had turned all of his checks on which the KAHNs had allegedly welched over to the Internal Revenue agents who were then reportedly investigating ABE and [redacted] said he had placed one bet for $1,000 with KAHN's employee [redacted] and when the horse came in [redacted] said [redacted] should collect. However, the KAHNs welched on the bet and [redacted] told [redacted] had informed him that ABE KAHN had threatened [redacted] life. As a result of this incident it was decided to keep the KAHNs out of Del Mar during the 1954 racing season. [redacted] stated that he called each of the KAHNs and advised them not to appear. When they asked his reasons for such instructions he stated he told them they knew better than he did, to which ABE KAHN reportedly replied, "It must be the City Hall crowd." b7C

In 1951 Sergeant [redacted] head of the Vice Squad, San Diego Police Department, advised that it was difficult to secure any positive information concerning KAHN's actual maneuvers and there had not been enough evidence available for an arrest and conviction. He stated that KAHN was highly known as handling lay off money into and out of San Diego. b7C

During the Del Mar Race Track season of 1951 SA [redacted] personally saw KAHN engaged in making book and observed also that he was a heavy better at the mutual window. b7C

Detective [redacted] mentioned previously, in 1954 advised that he had received numerous reports from individuals who dabbled in gambling about town that it was common knowledge that ABE KAHN operated a card room in the rear of the Club Royal and had made statements to the participants of such games at various times to the effect that he was "cutting the game for the Vice Squad". He reported also, as well as have others, that both cards and crap games as well as book operations had been conducted rather openly by the KAHNs from the Club Royal. b7C

In 1951 Police Officers and other sources advised that [redacted] were considered the chief bookmakers in Oceanside.

Confidential Informant [redacted] advised in 1948 that [redacted] was a gambler and bookie operating book without hindrance at the Club Grill and Monte Carlo Bar which had joined each other in the Knickerbocker Hotel in San Diego. At one time informant said the Police Department forced [redacted] to close the Monte Carlo because of bookmaking, although he was not arrested.

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On February 26, 1951, the Los Angeles Office advised that [redacted] of the Wilton Hotel, Long Beach, California, advised that [redacted] former San Diego bookmaker, was a [redacted] of his. According to [redacted] operated the Monte Carlo Bar in the City of San Diego and JOE SICA had recently been in San Diego with [redacted] While in San Diego, JOE SICA had dinner with [redacted] but [redacted] was unable to state the nature of the business which SICA conducted with [redacted] also stated that [redacted] visited the City of Los Angeles and during their visit, were wined and dined by JOE SICA who then took them to Palm Springs and fixed them up in his hotel.

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In 1953 it was also reported by informants that [redacted] had been known to take without questions a $5,000 cash bet in 1947. [redacted] at that time (1947) was reportedly backed by [redacted] Las Vegas gambler and hotel man and a former San Diegan who operates the Desert Inn in Las Vegas.

In 1953, [redacted] Special Agent for the Thoroughbred Racing Protective Bureau, advised that during the race meet conducted from July 25 - September 9, 1953 at the Del Mar Race Track that [redacted] had been ejected from the track, having been caught in the act of transacting illegal wagering. In this connection it was developed that [redacted] a [redacted] hired by the track to operate under [redacted] had been taking some payoffs from [redacted] was immediately fired by [redacted]

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On September 29, 1954 Lieutenant [redacted] [redacted] (NA) advised that information had been brought to the attention of Chief of Police ELMER JANSEN, San Diego Police Department, that [redacted] was paying off to someone on the San Diego Police Department in order to operate as a bookmaker. According to [redacted] JANSEN had [redacted] brought into his office and told [redacted] in no uncertain terms that he was finished in San Diego; that he would give him a reasonable amount of time to clear up his affairs and that he must get out of the city. JANSEN went so far as to tell [redacted] he would put a bumper to bumper surveillance on him until he left San Diego. b7C

In 1954, at about this same time, [redacted] advised that reliable information received indicated that [redacted] had at least 50 small-time bookmakers operating for him principally in the various hotels scattered around San Diego. When Officer [redacted] was asked whether such information might be true, he stated, "Well, if he doesn't have 50, he at least has 49." b7C b2 b7D

[redacted] is also an associate of [redacted] [redacted] brother, [redacted] operator of the Saratoga and Seven Seas restaurant-bars and the Monte Carlo Bar, all located in San Diego. [redacted] has also been known to associate with [redacted] SIDNEY "RED" SEGAL, former bookmaker now deceased. [redacted] former bookmaker in San Diego, and now believed to be living in Los Angeles. b7C

In connection with [redacted] in 1953 Police Officers and bookmaking sources named [redacted] as the biggest book operator in San Diego for the past fifteen years. [redacted] is known over most of the country as a lay off man, capable of handling several thousand dollar wagers. An informant who determined connections with [redacted] advised that in his letters of his activities he has correspondents in Rochester, New York; St. Louis, Missouri; and Dallas, Texas. b7C

WILLSON has recently been indicted by the San Diego County Grand Jury on felony counts of bookmaking.

D. LIQUOR CONTROL--RACKETEERING

[redacted] former Intelligence Officer, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised in 1952 that on July 16, 1946 [redacted] and FRANK BOMPENSIERO made application for a liquor license as well as a cabaret license for the Gold Rail Bar, San Diego. It is noted that FRANK BOMPENSIERO previously made application for such a license on April 19, 1945 and indicated at that time that he was the manager for [redacted] There was no indication at the time that [redacted] or [redacted] were connected with the criminal element in San Diego and the identification record of these latter two could not be located with the local police agencies. [redacted] reported that the San Diego Police Department at that time (1945 and 1946) recommended that the liquor license be denied on the grounds that FRANK BOMPENSIERO had a criminal record, in accordance with usual procedures; however, the liquor license was granted by the California State Board of Equalization, which was then headed by [redacted] stated it had been reported at the time (1946) that TONY MIRABLE donated $2,000 to [redacted] campaign fund. The liquor license was granted to the two [redacted] and BOMPENSIERO. When [redacted] and [redacted] applied for a liquor license in 1946, they told the State Board of Equalization that they lived at 3927 Hubert, Los Angeles, the residence of JACK I. DRAGNA, well known Los Angeles hoodlum, since deceased. [redacted] is of the opinion that the above liquor license was granted through undue influence with the California Board of Equalization.

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On April 21, 1955 following legal maneuvers by his attorney, the trial of FRANK BOMPENSIERO began in San Diego Superior Court. Among prosecution witnesses were [redacted] former supervising liquor control officer in San Diego, who was subsequently among the state liquor employees dismissed from their positions by California State Authorities. Co-defendants with BOMPENSIERO were [redacted] former District Liquor Administrator in San Diego County; former Assemblyman CHARLES LYON, Beverly Hills, California; [redacted] Los Angeles, California businessman; and [redacted] former San Diego Business Opportunities Broker. The indictment accused

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BOMPENSIERO of accepting bribes of $5,000 and $2,500 from a Jacumba, California tavern owner for assisting him in obtaining a wholesale liquor license.

BOMPENSIERO was convicted in San Diego County Superior Court and on May 16, 1955 was sentenced by Judge HEWICKER to prison for three to forty-two years and fined $15,000 on charges of bribery and conspiracy in liquor license transactions.

Investigation conducted in 1953 in the case entitled: "GOLD ENTERPRISES, San Diego, California; FRANK BOMPENSIERO; JAMES ALBERT FRATIANNO, wa. 'Weasel'; [redacted] CRIMINAL RACKETS SURVEY", reveals that on December 31, 1951 Gold Enterprises filed Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State, State of California, and the County Clerk, San Diego, California. Directors were named as FRANK BOMPENSIERO, 5878 Estelle Street; [redacted] JAMES ALBERT FRATIANNO, 2930 Dove Street; and [redacted] all of San Diego, California. b7C

Information was developed that this concern was set up to "take over" the sale of citrus juices to all bars in the San Diego area, by intimidation if necessary.

The concern began operations in 1952 and [redacted] 150 First Street, Chula Vista, California, who had been in the lemon and orange juice distributing business, found that he had lost a number of customers to this concern. [redacted] reported that he had lost his accounts with My Place, Java, Barbet, Patrick's, Hi-Seas, Frolics, China Doll, The Gold Rail, and other places. All places of business which discontinued business with [redacted] and subscribed to service of Gold Enterprises stated they had not been intimidated. b7C

Sergeant [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised the San Diego Police Department learned that JAMES ALBERT FRATIANNO, wa., FBI Number 832558, was an ex-convict with a reputation as a muscleman and hoodlum previously from Ohio, who was a principal suspect in the TONY BRANCATO--TONY TROMBINO murder case. [redacted] was identified as the son of NICK LICATA, Los Angeles b7C

racketeer, and a principal witness in support of FRATIANNO's alibi that he was in the "Five O'Clock Club", Los Angeles, at the time of the BRANCATO--TROMBINO murders. [redacted] was., FBI Number [redacted] had previously served time in San Quentin Penitentiary for robbery and had a reputation as a gambler and hoodlum in San Diego. b7C

The investigation reflected that most of the bars which subscribed to services of Gold Enterprises were owned by Italians. After about one month of operation, the Gold Enterprises ceased operations because of failure to make expenses.

[redacted] and his brothers were labeled as dangerous men by the State of California Crime Commission during investigations in 1951 and 1952. Allegations were made throughout reports prepared by this Commission that the [redacted] were obtaining favored treatment from [redacted] then Southern California's elected member of the four man California State Board of Equalization. b7C

Reliable sources have alleged at various times that KAHN was also receiving favored treatment from [redacted] in connection with KAHN's numerous liquor stores and bars in San Diego and vicinity. b7C

E. NARCOTICS

On May 30, 1956, Sergeant [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Narcotics Detail, advised that he had arrested [redacted] after locating a quantity of heroin concealed under the front seat of [redacted] car. [redacted] related that during the course of his investigation of [redacted] he had received some information that [redacted] was obtaining narcotics from [redacted] but had no evidence on which to base a complaint at that time. b7C

On June 15, 1956 [redacted] Kern County Sheriff's Office, Vice Detail, advised that he had arrested [redacted] on March 23, 1956 when he received a complaint from an Oildale cleaning establishment that [redacted] had left some clothes with what was believed to be marijuana cigarettes in them. b7C

On November 19, 1956, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he was certain [redacted] was engaged in narcotics traffic, having formerly obtained some of his narcotics from [redacted] mentioned previously. Two of [redacted] prostitutes were reportedly "hooked on narcotics". b2 b7C b7D

On November 23, 1956, [redacted] advised SAs [redacted] and [redacted] that [redacted] was associated with a prostitute by the name of [redacted] who was a narcotics user, although she had never seen her use a hypodermic needle or observed scars on her body. She claimed that [redacted] was constantly taking pills which "made her high" and had offered these pills to [redacted] She advised that in her opinion [redacted] had furnished narcotics to [redacted] and that [redacted] frequently talked about her husband [redacted] a brother of [redacted] who was at that time serving time in a California State Prison for narcotics violation. b7C

U. S. Customs Officers and informants familiar with criminal activities, as well as Tijuana Police Officers, have advised on numerous occasions that [redacted] is a notorious narcotics dealer. He is very active in the field and allegedly secures his narcotics from Sonora and Sinaloa, both interior states of Mexico. b7C

In addition, [redacted] is known to be a receiver and fence for stolen goods, including automobiles. Individuals acquainted with [redacted] have advised Agents of this Office that [redacted] is able to dispose of almost any kind of stolen goods and his reputation is wide-spread in this regard. b7C

The California Crime Commission reports alleged that [redacted] and his brothers were engaged in narcotics traffic through the bars operated by them in Oceanside, California.

F. PROSTITUTION

[redacted] has been the subject of WSTA investigations in both the Los Angeles and San Diego Divisions. On May 14, 1956 [redacted] informed that [redacted] was handling prostitutes in the Bakersfield, California area. [redacted] was then using the name [redacted] Associated with [redacted] was a prostitute, a former stripper, using the name [redacted] at one time married to [redacted] brother, who was then serving time in California State Penitentiary for narcotics violation.

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On January 24, 1956, [redacted] advised that at that time [redacted] claimed to be working for ABE KAHN at a tavern operated by KAHN in San Diego known as "Tops". This, according to informant, was merely a front to [redacted] activities in pimping for any prostitutes she might have working out of this night club.

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Various other sources have advised that KAHN makes call girls available to business friends from taverns operated by him. Detective [redacted] San Diego Police Department, Vice Squad, during 1954 informed that KAHN had brought twenty "high class" girls to San Diego from the Los Angeles area for prostitution purposes.

[redacted] is currently residing in Tijuana with an American prostitute and is associating with operators of houses of prostitution there, including [redacted] an ex-con who was sentenced in California for illegal operations, and another ex-con named [redacted]

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G. TAX EVASION

A review of the files of the Merchants Credit Association, as made available by [redacted] on December 24, 1957, reflects that over the past years numerous tax liens have been filed against KAHN. b7C

A "San Diego Union" article dated September 30, 1957 related that A. J. KAHN, 303 Plaza Street, San Diego had filed a petition with the United States Tax Court at Washington contesting the Government's claim that he owed $108,385 in income tax and penalties for 1943, 1944, and 1945. According to this article the petition showed that the Government charged KAHN with failing to report a substantial income in the returns he filed during these years. This article further stated that KAHN was fined $5,000 and placed on three years probation in Federal Court in December, 1953, after he plead innocent to four counts of making short returns in 1944 and 1945 and nolo contendere to a fifth count on which he was convicted of filing a false return for 1945.

San Diego County Sheriff's Office records reflect that KAHN was booked February 2, 1957 for violation Title 26, Section 145, U. S. Code (filing fraudulent income tax claims), having been sentenced to serve eight consecutive weekends beginning at 6:00 PM each Friday and ending at 6:00 PM each Sunday.

H. UNION ACTIVITIES

Several reliable sources have in the past furnished information that the local Italian element, including BOMPENSIERO, [redacted] and MIRABLE, control the Culinary Alliance and Hotel Service Employees Union, Local 402, through business agent [redacted] soneo [redacted] and the Bartenders and Waitresses Union, San Diego, through business agent [redacted] FBI Number [redacted] another Sicilian. b7C

In 1952, [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, furnished the following information: b7C

In February, 1952 [redacted] better known as [redacted] with true name [redacted] a Los Angeles organizer for the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (IBEW), 1705 West Pico, Los Angeles, California had a conference with FRANK BOMPENSIERO in the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego regarding the organization of the coin machine operators in San Diego. BOMPENSIERO told [redacted] during this conference that he was interested in such a venture, but that he was at that time in with a group of men who were also about to create a similar organization for ten counties, including Los Angeles. b7C

BOMPENSIERO then informed [redacted] that he would not permit the local organization of coin machine operators by [redacted] and that if [redacted] were eventually given permission, it would be a case of "splitting down the middle" with BOMPENSIERO. [redacted] informed BOMPENSIERO that he, BOMPENSIERO, could not organize because BOMPENSIERO did not have a franchise, to which BOMPENSIERO replied that he and his friends would form an "association" to run the "enterprise" and that [redacted] JACK DRAGNA, and [redacted] would be the nominal heads of the organization. b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was accosted in his hotel room in U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, by several unknown persons of Italian extraction who beat him severely. Following this beating, [redacted] left San Diego and no official complaint was ever made to local law enforcement agencies in San Diego. b7C

According to [redacted] was involved with FRANK BOMPENSIERO in the beating of [redacted] b7C

According to information received from [redacted] Intelligence Unit, Internal Revenue Service, and [redacted] formerly of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office who is presently an investigator for the Attorney General, State of California, in 1952, TONY MIRABILE set out to gain control of Local 500, Bartenders Union, AFL. These sources advised that MIRABILE for many years refused to have anything to do with labor organizations, and local union leaders manifested a high degree of physical fear because of his attitude, which has reportedly been expressed in a form of thinly veiled threats. These sources believe that MIRABILE desired control of the Waiters and Bartenders Union because it would give him a strangle hold on all local night club, bar and restaurant enterprises. b7C

Another facet of MIRABILE's character is revealed in an allegation by another source, namely [redacted] who has the [redacted] at most of the [redacted] that MIRABILE approached [redacted] owner of four or five night clubs in downtown San Diego, with the idea that [redacted] should sell out to him (MIRABILE). [redacted] advised that [redacted] informed MIRABILE that he intended remaining in business and had no intention of selling any of his night clubs. This source advised that MIRABIEE, in a manner that left little doubt in [redacted] mind, told him that it would be better if he sold out, and that a few days later, three unidentified persons of Italian extraction entered a night club owned by [redacted] and in a very nice manner again informed [redacted] that it would be much better for him if he considered selling out to MIRABILE. b7C b7D

According to [redacted] Secretary, Central Labor Council, 525 "E" Street, San Diego, MIRABILE's first attempts to gain control of the Bartenders and Waiters Union came in 1952, at which time that union was headed by [redacted] the b7C

Executive-Treasurer of the California State Council of Culinary Workers, Bartenders and Hotel Service Employees, as well as another union official [redacted] b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] who was quite an operator and who was reported to have an interest in five or six local bars and taverns in San Diego which was considered highly undesirable by the California State Federation of Labor, was the weakness in the labor organization which probably brought about the control of that organization by the TONY MIRABILE and FRANK BOMPENSIERO group. It was reported that MIRABILE and BOMPENSIERO organized the Tavern Owners Protective Organization, which is described as a group of Italian hoodlums fronted by [redacted] but actually operated by TONY MIRABILE and FRANK BOMPENSIERO. The initial fee for the tavern owners in this organization was $200, and each member paid $40 per month per bar. According to [redacted] a former agent of the Alcohol Tax Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, the formation of the tavern owners group was organized wholly with the purpose of obtaining domination of the Bartenders and Waiters Union. [redacted] further advised that the Policy Committee, which was headed by MIRABILE, had directed all members to send all their bar laundry to one certain laundry and that the group had guaranteed their members that they would be furnished adequate supplies in the event of an emergency liquor shortage, and that their bar supplies will be furnished to them. [redacted] stated that there is also an agreement existing between the members which provides that the group will furnish all bartenders, waiters and waitresses to the members. b7C

[redacted] Vice President, California State Federation of Labor, made available the following letter from [redacted] Secretary-Treasurer, California State Federation of Labor, San Francisco, which demonstrates the union's concern over the activities of the tavern owners group: b7C

> "It has recently come to my attention from a reliable source, by one which we are not in a position to disclose, that a serious condition

exists in the San Diego area that apparently requires prompt action if we are to prevent a most serious catastrophe from occurring.

"The information submitted is that on May 13, 1952, a general meeting was held by the 'San Diego Tavern Owners Association'. Tony Mirabile and Frank Bompensiero attended and acted as spokesmen in a discussion of the proposed establishment of what they call, 'The Business Protective Association' or the 'Business Insurance Plan'. This plan has been accepted by the Tavern Owners Association and organization has been in progress for one month. Mirabile and Bompensiero are the delegated leaders. Active in the past month in the promotion have been the [redacted] and several others all of whom are Sicilians and bar owners. At this writing, there are 50 member bars, all Sicilian owned, and the stated goal to start active operation is 100. b7C

"The admitted purpose of the organization is to destroy control of the local bartenders union, Local No. 402 (1200 members) A.F.L. John W. Brown, Secretary. The operation and benefits of the new association are as follows: initial cost to the subscriber is to be $200.00 and a monthly fee of $10.00. An example of the service offered would be in the case of a strike. Striking bartenders, waitresses and musicians would be replaced in the member bar by non-union help and all at no cost, including their wages. Further, other member bars would support the member involved by combating any secondary boycott in such ways as discontinuing certain liquor purchases, discharging union employees, and etc. However the strongest force the association will have will be the ability of the member bar to obtain liquor. Arrangements have been made in Los Angeles to purchase all brands of liquor and beer. Further, the arrangements to truck the liquor have been made. This organization has plans of operation commencing June 1, 1952.

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"In connection with this latter set-up, it will be further noted that Tony Mirabile and Frank Bompensiero have obtained a charter to form a new union (C.I.O.) embracing bartenders, culinary workers, and waterfront stevedores."

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I. MAFIA - ORGANIZED CRIME

Various reliable sources have in the past identified [redacted] BOMPENSIERO, [redacted] MIRABILE, [redacted] and other individuals named herein as belonging to the MIRABILE-BOMPENSIERO gang in San Diego. This gang reportedly organized to take over bars in downtown San Diego prior to and during World War II. b7C

On October 7, 1955, officers of the San Diego Police Department familiar with these individuals and their activities, including Lieutenant [redacted] (NA) and Sergeant [redacted] in charge of San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, advised that it was the consensus of opinion among law enforcement officers in the San Diego Division that a Mafia organization does not exist, as such, in San Diego. They related that the Italian element which controls numerous bars in the San Diego area have for years been alleged to be members of the Mafia, but that local officers have never received any substantiated information indicating any ties with eastern hoodlums or the so called eastern Mafia groups. b7C

Local sources allege that MIRABILE was attributed to be the head of the local Italian element, who referred to him as POPPA TONY. During 1954, it was alleged that MIRABILE was drawing into the background due to his age, and BOMPENSIERO was emerging as the most active and dominant figure among the local Italian hoodlums.

Since BOMPENSIERO's incarceration in the California State Penitentiary, he has been visited on numerous occasions by the local Italian element, including [redacted] and [redacted] Some sources allege that [redacted] is currently the leader among the young Italian hoodlums. b2

On August 16, 1956, [redacted] of the individuals named in this report, advised that he is certain that a local Mafia b7C b7D

organization, as such, does not exist. He stated, however, "All Sicilians are Mafioso by birth." He explained that this means that if they engage in illegal activities, they are subject to control of the Mafia. He added that it was his opinion, however, that a Mafia organization did exist among the Sicilians. The Mafia was organized for the express purpose of controlling and protecting Sicilians who are engaged in illegal activities. [redacted] declared that the Mafia definitely sanctions illegal activities such as smuggling, narcotics, prostitution and so forth. b2 b7D

Concerning the local Sicilians, [redacted] related that following the death of JACK IGNATIUS DRAGNA, February 23, 1956, in Los Angeles, FRANK BOMPENSIERO took over as head of the local Sicilians who are alleged to be associated with the Mafia. Prior to his death, DRAGNA was reputed to be the head of the Mafia in Southern California. b2 b7D

[redacted] declared that during FRANK BOMPENSIERO's current incarceration in the California State Penitentiary, his brother, [redacted] has represented him at meetings of the Italian element. [redacted] added that it was his opinion that FRANK BOMPENSIERO would resume his leadership of the local Sicilians following his release from jail. b2 b7C b7D

Under date of December 19, 1950, the San Diego Union, a local newspaper, carried an article concerning the Senate Crime Investigating Committee headed by Chairman, Senator ESTES KEFAUVER, questioning BOMPENSIERO's reported meetings in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, with other Italians prior to the gangland slaying of CHARLES BINAGGIO, political boss, and his lieutenant in Kansas City during April, 1950. According to Sergeant ROBERT NEWSOM, former San Diego County Sheriff's Office Intelligence Officer, FRANK BOMPENSIERO was involved as a suspect in the case of JAMES FRANCIS MANGANELLO, whose disappearance was reported to the San Diego Police Department on January 25, 1945. MANGANELLO's car was found the following day a short distance from a tailor shop which he operated. There was blood on the seat. BOMPENSIERO was identified

unequivocally as the last person who was seen with MANGANELLO just prior to his disappearance. MANGANELLO's body was never found. FRANK BOMPENSIERO was related to MANGANELLO through their wives. There was conflicting information from witnesses and from BOMPENSIERO when he was questioned regarding this case. It has never been listed as a homocide, and BOMPENSIERO was never cooperative with the Police Department. He was alleged to have remarked to the investigating officers to the effect that, "If you people think MANGANELLO is dead, why don't you produce the body?"

BOMPENSIERO was also a suspect in the murder of ANTONIO REGINA, according to [redacted] REGINA was contacted at his residence in San Diego November 4, 1949, and was so severely beaten that he was committed to Patton State Hospital where he died on March 29, 1950, without ever regaining consciousness. His wife, [redacted] was held briefly but was released for lack of evidence. ANTONIO REGINA was a former partner of JOSEPHINE MARABILE in the "Lobby Cafe", 820 Broadway, which was sold to the [redacted] brothers. b7C

Records of the San Diego Police Department reflect that [redacted] is the [redacted] of JACK I. DRAGNA now deceased, former notorious Los Angeles hoodlum. [redacted] was arrested by the Los Angeles Police Department on February 14, 1950, as a suspect in connection with the conspiracy to commit murder with the bombing of the home of MICKY COHEN, Los Angeles hoodlum. [redacted] was released. He thereafter attempted to sue the Los Angeles Police Department in connection with this arrest. Reliable sources, including [redacted] have advised that the Gold Rail Bar in San Diego, operated by [redacted] and owned by him in association with FRANK BOMPENSIERO and the [redacted] of JACK DRAGNA, [redacted] is a hangout for the Italian element and bookmakers in San Diego. b2 b7D b7C

On January 24, 1957, Sergeant [redacted] advised that inquiry conducted by him indicated that [redacted] was currently a leader of the local Italian element in San Diego. [redacted] is the father of [redacted] who is associated with [redacted] who is attached to the Italian Consulate, San Diego. [redacted] b7C

[redacted] is a business agent and "trouble shooter' for the San Diego local of the Cooks and Waiters Union. On December 12, 1957, [redacted] advised that [redacted] is very friendly with MIRABILE, and that they meet quite frequently in Balboa Park where they apparently discuss local union matters. According to [redacted] MIRABILE dictates to [redacted] concerning union matters. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] according to Sergeant [redacted] formerly controlled criminal activity, including gambling, in the San Bernardino, California, area. In this he was associated with [redacted] who resides in San Bernardino. [redacted] was also associated with [redacted] in the San Bernardino area. He is also known as [redacted] He was deported from the United States to Italy, but has recently resided in Tijuana and is making efforts to return to the United States. b7C

According to Sergeant [redacted] during July, 1956, at a meeting held at the Grace Ranch, Tucson, Arizona, presided over by [redacted] Phoenix hoodlum, FRANK BOMPENSIERO was represented by his [redacted] b7C

[redacted] further related that the [redacted] and [redacted] frequently visit at the Palomar Bar, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, which is operated by [redacted] an Italian deported from San Francisco years ago for narcotics violations. b7C

U. S. Treasury Department, Alcohol Tax Unit Agent AL MALOCHE advised in 1954 that [redacted] married the daughter of [redacted] a Detroit, Michigan, racketeer, in 1950 at Detroit, Michigan. Local sources, including San Diego Police Department officers and [redacted] have advised concerning the ownership of numerous bars and cafes in San Diego by [redacted] and his relatives. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is very influential among the Italian element and has assumed leadership of the young Italian hoodlums in San Diego. In an article appearing in the "Los Angeles Mirror" dated October 12 and 13, b2 b7C b7D

1953, captioned "BONELLI's Saloon Empire" by staff writer ART WHITE, ANTHONY (TONY) MIRABILE once admitted that he served with the Italian muscle element which took over Detroit's Purple Gang years ago. This article stated that MIRABILE held three BONELLI saloon licenses and "is reliably known to pull the strings on at least 25 more joints". The article alleges that MIRABILE had a $50,000 fund in the Security Trust and Savings Bank, San Diego, on which his friends could borrow. These friends, according to this report, included several local law enforcement officers and a San Diego city councilman A. W. BENNETT. BENNETT has since been convicted for violation of the California State liquor laws.

According to [redacted] Agent, Intelligence Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, San Diego, MIRABILE maintains a fund of between $40,000 and $50,000 in a San Diego bank for the exclusive use of loans to his friends. b7C

The California State Crime Commission report, according to an article appearing in the San Diego Union under date of April 11, 1953, stated that a previous study showed that LEO VITELLO and his brothers in Oceanside, California, were associated with the Mafia, a world-wide Sicilian criminal organization.

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II. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES

A. LIQUOR

Seven of the ten top hoodlums named in this report, with the exception of [redacted] and [redacted] are or have been engaged in the operation of bars in Southern California and the San Diego area. [redacted] is not known to presently own any bars in San Diego. b7C

BOMPENSIERO, who is currently incarcerated in California State Penitentiary, owns the Gold Rail Bar, San Diego. He is associated in this bar with [redacted] Prior to BOMPENSIERO's conviction in 1955, he, [redacted] and [redacted] operated the Southland Amusement Company in partnership. This company had exclusive coin music box business in bars and cafes operated by the Italian element in San Diego. b7C

In addition to his interest in the Gold Rail Bar, [redacted] according to [redacted] JACK I. DRAGNA, notorious Los Angeles hoodlum. [redacted] makes frequent trips to Las Vegas, Nevada, and frequents local race tracks. b2 b7C b7D

ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, according to records of the San Diego Merchants' Credit Association, owns numerous bars and liquor stores in San Diego. KAHN also recently, according to reliable sources including [redacted] invested large amounts of money in business properties and residential units in the Clairemont area of San Diego. KAHN has two sons who also have large financial interests in local properties, including bars and liquor concessions. These enterprises include the Club Royal, the Hula Hut, the Cuckoo Club, Bradley's Five and Ten, a bar and restaurant, the Charlemagne and the numerous Texas Liquor Stores in San Diego, as well as liquor concessions in Fed-Mart and other chain stores. b2 b7D

[redacted] has interest in and controls the Aloha Tavern, the Tropics Cafe, Kelley's Club and the Buccaneer Cafe, all local San Diego bars. Other members of the [redacted] family, including several brothers and sisters, control various other liquor enterprises in San Diego. b7C

MIRABILE owns and operates several bars in San Diego, including the Barbet Cafe and the Rainbow Gardens. He reportedly is one of the owners of Bernardo's Winery located near Escondido, California. This winery is operated by [redacted] another Sicilian born resident. MIRABILE, according to [redacted] has recently invested in several expensive apartment houses in San Diego, including the Balboa Vista Apartments at 2206 Sixth Avenue. [redacted] advised that any outside funds furnished to MIRABILE by associates are undoubtedly being invested in apartment houses. Sergeant [redacted] San Diego Police Department, who advised that he conducted an investigation for the California Crime Commission concerning MIRABILE about 1952, informed that MIRABILE once, about that time, had $700,000 deposited in a New York City bank. MIRABILE was then under investigation by the U. S. Internal Revenue Service and was reportedly planning to return to Italy. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] and his brothers [redacted] and [redacted] doing business as [redacted] Enterprises, operate several bars in Oceanside, California. They are also reported to own a jewelry store and other real estate there. b7C

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B. REAL ESTATE

[redacted] according to several sources including [redacted] has interests in a copper mine located near Florence, Arizona. This mine was formerly owned by [redacted] deceased father.

[redacted] together with [redacted] operates a grape ranch at [redacted] California. This information was furnished by the Los Angeles Office on December 30, 1955.

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As previously reported, ANTHONY MIRABILE owns several apartment houses in San Diego and is reported by [redacted] to be investing his money in said real estate.

III. DESCRIPTIONS

A. [redacted]

[redacted] is described in San Diego Police Department records as follows:

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American - Italian
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	[redacted]
Height	[redacted]
Weight	
Eyes	
Chin	
Nose	
Build	
Scars and marks	

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Photographs in San Diego Police Department file.

San Diego Police Department Number	27632
CII Number	333485
FBI Number	[redacted]
Last known address	Home of mother - [redacted] California

B. FRANK BOMPENSIERO

BOMPENSIERO is described in San Diego Police Department files as follows:

Name	FRANK BOMPENSIERO
Aliases	HARRY BOMPENSIERO FRANK BONPENSIERO FRANK BOMPO FRANK BOMPENSIENO
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	September 29, 1905
Place of Birth	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Height	5'6" to 5'7"
Weight	170 to 189 pounds
Hair	Brown
Build	Stocky
Complexion	Medium dark
Education	Not known
Marital Status	Former wife, THELMA J., died June, 1955.
Residence	Confined in California State Penitentiary, Chino, California. Last resided 4417 Braeburn, San Diego, California
FBI Number	337240
Army Serial Number	39243139
San Diego Police Department Number	16337
California State Prison Number	A-33014
CII Number	70977
Fingerprint Classification	22 M 9 U 000 13 L 1 U 000 12
Occupation	Fisherman, bartender, bar and cafe owner
Citizenship	United States

SUBJECT HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND WAS A SUSPECT IN AT LEAST TWO MURDERS. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

C. [redacted]

The following description was obtained from records of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office and the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California: b7C

Name	[redacted]
Alias	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Hair	
Eyes	
Height	
Weight	
Build	
Complexion	
Scars and marks	
	wears glasses
Occupation	Cafe and bar operator
Marital Status	Single
Fingerprint Classification	M 9 T MM 11 / S 17 A IO 4
FBI Number	[redacted]
CII Number	501670
Residence	[redacted] (San Diego), California

D. ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN

Following is a description of KAHN as obtained from the records of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office:

Name	ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN
Alias	ABE KAHN
Business address	1248 Market Street San Diego, California
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	5'4½"
Weight	152 pounds
Complexion	Fair
Build	Heavy
Hair	Black - thinning
Eyes	Dark blue
Date of Birth	March 25, 1892
Place of Birth	Wilno, Russia
Peculiarities	Wears horn rim glasses, has gold bridge in lower teeth, gold caps in upper teeth, large nose, full jowls
Address	3364 Sixth Avenue
Telephone Number	CYpress 6-2285
Person to be located in emergency	[redacted] same address
Time in City	37 years
Time in State	37 years
Time in United States	42 years
Citizenship	Naturalized U. S. citizen
Employment	Texas Liquor Stores 1248 Market as Manager
San Diego Sheriff's Office Number	4772
FBI Number	787113

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E. [redacted]

Following description of [redacted] was furnished by Los Angeles Office on January 8, 1958. Los Angeles advised said description was obtained from San Bernardino, California, Police Department:

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	
Weight	
Hair	
Eyes	
FBI Number	
Alien Registration Number	[redacted]
Address	[redacted] California

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F. [redacted]

The following description of the subject was obtained from Immigration and Naturalization Service and from law enforcement agencies in San Diego, California:

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Citizenship	
Naturalized	
Certificate No.	
Height	
Weight	
Hair	
Eyes	
FBI Number	
Alien Registration Number	[redacted]
Army Serial Number	36562003
Marital Status	Married
Wife	[redacted]
Residence	[redacted] California
Occupation	Bartender, bar owner and cafe owner
Complexion	Dark

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G. ANTHONY MIRABILE

Physical Description and Photographs

The following is a description of MIRABILE as obtained from the files of the San Diego Office:

Name	ANTHONY MIRABILE
Aliases	TONY POPPA TONY TONY MIRABLE
Age	64
Date of Birth	January 1, 1894
Place of Birth	Alcoma (Sicily)Italy
Height	5'11" to 6'
Weight	180 - 185 pounds
Eyes	Dark brown
Hair	Gray
Complexion	Dark
Sex	Male
Race	White
FBI Number	908 635
Build	Heavy
Address	536 Maple Avenue San Diego, California

A photograph of MIRABILE taken by the Riverside, California, Police Department on February 9, 1951, is contained in the files of the San Diego Office.

H. [redacted]

The following is a physical description of [redacted] as furnished by Sergeant [redacted] San Diego Police Department.

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Date of Birth	
Place of Birth	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Height	[redacted]
Weight	
Hair	
Eyes	
Build	
Scars and marks	
Home address	
Telephone number	
FBI Number	

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[redacted] HAS IN THE PAST SHOT AT MEXICAN POLICE OFFICERS AND IS REPORTED TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

I. [redacted]

The following description was furnished by [redacted] Identification Officer, San Diego Police Department, on January 8, 1958:

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Nationality	American
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	
Weight	
Hair	
Eyes	
Build	
Complexion	
Teeth	
Marital Status	
Scars	
Occupation	
FBI Number	
San Diego Police Department Number	78566
Residence	[redacted] California
Relatives	Brothers [redacted] California

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J. [redacted]

Following description obtained from files of San Diego Police Department:

Name	[redacted]
Aliases	
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	[redacted]
Place of Birth	
Height	
Weight	
Complexion	
Build	
Eyes	
Hair	
Scars and marks	
Mannerisms and peculiarities	
San Diego Police Department Number	31250
CII number	331408
FBI number	[redacted]

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STANDARD FORM NO 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JAN 9 1958

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-35)

SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF TOP TEN HOODLUMS IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION ANTI-RACKETEERING

Enclosed, herewith, for the Bureau are two copies of the report of SA [redacted] captioned and dated as above at San Diego, California.

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Two copies of said report are also being furnished the New York Office.

INFORMANTS

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LEADS

SAN DIEGO DIVISION

At San Diego, California:

Will, on development of additional information pertinent to instant matter, furnish same to the Bureau and New York. To avoid duplication, leads to develop additional information concerning criminal activities and legitimate enterprises of the hoodlums named are not being set out in this report, inasmuch as they have been set out in the individual investigative file on each top hoodlum.

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REFERENCES

ENCLOSURE

Bureau letters to New York dated 11/27/57 and 12/10/57 captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - ANTI-RACKETEERING."

New York Airtel to the Director dated 12/12/57 captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - ANTI-RACKETEERING."

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2-20-58

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-15)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

ReBulet 2-14-58 to New York, with copies to all offices.

Subsequent to the receipt of Bulet dated 11-26-57 regarding the meeting at Binghamton, New York, and Bulet 11-27-57 regarding the initiating of the "Top Hoodlum Program", I reviewed the criminal informant situation in the San Diego Division. It appeared at that time that additional coverage would be needed in order to obtain the desired information inasmuch as the office had only 19 Symbol Number Informants and 56 Potential Informants.

Conferences were immediately scheduled with all Agent personnel and held on a regular basis, at which time the need for additional informant coverage was stressed. In addition, the problem was discussed at all conferences with the Supervisory Staff, and a definite program was set up to insure that the desired coverage was obtained.

In addition to the above, all Agents in the San Diego Division were advised as to the identities of the Top Ten Hoodlums in this Division, together with information as to their background, criminal activities, legitimate enterprises, and the identities of the most notorious associates of each. Upon being furnished this information, each Agent was instructed to endeavor to develop individuals who would be in a position to become potential informants who could furnish information as to the current activities of these subjects.

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This need has been further stressed at the time that each Agent is in for his monthly file review, and a check has been maintained to determine the actual production of each Agent.

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Daily conferences have been held by the ASAC and myself with all of the Agents presently handling the Top Hoodlum Program. During these conferences the need for additional informant coverage is always stressed. It has also been pointed out that background information should be developed on all of the known associates of the Top Hoodlums in an effort to obtain information regarding some who might be developed as informants. Records of local, state, and federal agencies are being continually reviewed in an effort to identify other sources who might possibly furnish pertinent information of value to this program, and in view of the general background of all of San Diego's Top Hoodlums, background information is being developed on all bartenders employed in bars and night clubs operated by these individuals.

As a result of the above program, there are currently 20 Symbol Number Informants and 136 Potential Criminal Informants in the San Diego Division.

As the Bureau is aware, separate letters reflecting the increased informant coverage and identifying the additional informants have been submitted to the Bureau since receipt of Bulet dated 2-14-58 on nine of the ten San Diego hoodlums. Additional Potential Criminal Informants are being developed who, it is hoped, will be in a position to furnish information of value on the tenth hoodlum.

This matter will continue to receive my close personal attention in an effort to obtain the desired information.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ReBulet to New York, dated 2-10-58.

Pursuant to relet, the following is submitted:

ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, was - AR - 00 - SD (SD 92-23)

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On 2-16-58 "The San Diego Union" for that date carried an article reflecting that among building permits issued at San Diego was a $230,000 permit issued to the owner, [redacted] This permit is for a 30-unit apartment at 2901 Clairemont Drive, San Diego. [redacted] is the [redacted] of San Diego Top Hoodlum ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN. [redacted] reportedly also has large financial interests at Palm Springs, California. [redacted] Sky Room, El Cortez Hotel, recently advised that [redacted] frequently has lunch there with San Diego [redacted] Other sources have informed that [redacted] is favoring the KAHNS in granting concessions for night clubs and restaurants on tidelands owned by the City of San Diego in Mission Bay and on Shelter Island.

[redacted] was - AR - 00 - SD (SD 92-17)

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An article appearing in "The San Diego Union" dated 2-18-58 reported the sentencing of three individuals to jail terms for bookmaking in San Diego. One of these individuals, JOHN ANDREW CANONICO, described as a bar tender, of 511 "F" Street, San Diego, was fined $500.00 and sentenced to sixty days in San Diego County Jail because of prior bookmaking record.

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According to this article, probation reports for the men stated that the evidence indicates all three were employed as "50-50 bookmakers" by JOHN ("Lo-Ball Johnny") WILLSON. The latter allegedly was head of a bookmaking ring which was broken up by Dist. Atty. KELLER with the indictment of 16 persons. WILLSON pleaded guilty earlier. He is serving a state prison term of thirty days to one year. Under the "50-50" arrangement, the smaller bookmakers absorb half the losses of bets they handle and take half the profits. WILLSON mentioned in this article is identical with JOHN HODGE WILLSON, Top Hoodlum in San Diego Office.

CANONICO is son of ANDREW JOHN CANONICO, the latter having FBI Number 1228520 and having been born in New York City, 3-29-93. The father currently operates "Spaghetti Joe's", a bar at 429 F Street. He is associate of top hoodlums, principally Italians, in San Diego, and is famous as "The White Mayor of Chinatown, New York City". He has been in San Diego for about the past twenty years.

As the Bureau has been previously advised, reliable sources in San Diego, including Detective [redacted] in charge of Night Detail, San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, have stated that the Sicilian bar owners in San Diego are taking over bookmaking in the wake of conviction of some fourteen bookmakers, most of whom reportedly worked for [redacted] backers, [redacted] and others from Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] is a Top Hoodlum, Salt Lake City Division. b7C

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Both [redacted] are Top Hoodlums in the Los Angeles Division.

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On 2-11-58 [redacted] advised that he had ascertained through his contacts at Rosarito Beach Hotel, located about 16 miles south of Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, that the owner of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas has an interest in said hotel. [redacted] b2
[redacted] Top Hoodlum, Salt Lake City, is reportedly one b7C
of the owners of the Desert Inn. Informant related that [redacted]
[redacted] of said hotel, was formerly employed by the b7D
Hotel Prince in Mexico City. For about the past two years the hotel has been leased to [redacted] a former Las Vegas and Los Angeles gambler. [redacted] is reportedly a [redacted] one of the principal owners of the Thunderbird Club, Las Vegas. [redacted] also reportedly has a brother in Las Vegas. [redacted] reportedly pays the owners of the Rosarito Beach Hotel a rental of $5000 monthly. The rental money is reported to be put up by [redacted] of Los Angeles.

According to Informant, during the past year a group of individuals from Los Angeles and the Judge from Tijuana flew b7C
to Mexico City to the bull fights, plane fares and all expenses of the group being paid for by [redacted]

Informant further stated that [redacted] of Baja California [redacted] stops frequently at the Rosarito Beach Hotel and that [redacted] has been hosted by [redacted] when in Las Vegas. [redacted] reportedly stayed at the Rancho Vegas Motel, Las Vegas, in 1956, at [redacted] expense. As the b7C
Bureau has been previously advised, other sources have informed that [redacted] has been paid large sums of money by Las Vegas interests to keep gambling closed in Baja California.

[redacted] was, is identical with FBI No. [redacted] b2

On 1-31-58 [redacted] advised that [redacted] b7C
the owner of the Rosarito Beach Hotel, is married to Lt. b7D
Commander [redacted] USN. They reside at [redacted]
[redacted] which city adjoins San Diego. [redacted] has been transferred
to [redacted] near Seattle. [redacted] stated that

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[redacted] told him that [redacted] was several months behind in his rent. b7C

[redacted] was - AR - OO - NEW YORK

[redacted] is a top hoodlum in the New York Division. b7C
On 2-11-58 New York advised that results of mail cover placed on [redacted] residence determined that someone with the name [redacted] San Diego, sent [redacted] a communication postmarked San Diego, 12-18-57. [redacted] is identical with [redacted] He is married to [redacted] San Diego top hoodlum.

[redacted] in Maestro Music Company, controlled by the Sicilian bar owners in San Diego, the principal ones of which are under investigation as top hoodlums in San Diego, including ANTONIO MIRABILE, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, and [redacted] b7C
[redacted] is married to the [redacted] of [redacted] was., [redacted] a top hoodlum under investigation in the Detroit Division.

The Maestro Music Company has offices at 320 "F" Street, San Diego, California. [redacted] is also involved in the Southland Amusement Company, controlled by San Diego hoodlums, including [redacted] and MIRABILE, named above, [redacted], and [redacted] who is married to a [redacted] is contact of Los Angeles top hoodlums, including [redacted] b7C

Relative to [redacted] named above, he is [redacted] TOM DRAGNA, both of whom were related to JACK I. DRAGNA, recently deceased Los Angeles top hoodlum named by Captain [redacted] in charge Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department, as leader of Mafia in Southern California.

Concerning [redacted] he is in contact with [redacted] was., top hoodlum under investigation in the Los Angeles Division. b7C

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Los Angeles has reported toll calls made from [redacted] home telephone in Los Angeles to [redacted] residence in [redacted] California, and also recently to [redacted] in Las Vegas, Nevada. b7C

Relative to The Maestro and Southland Music Companies named above, on 2-19-58 [redacted] San Diego, former operator of a juke box business in San Diego, advised San Diego Agents on 2-19-58 that on several occasions, while on business at the Badger Sales Company, a juke box concern in Los Angeles, he discussed with JOSEPH SICA, was., said business. SICA is also a top hoodlum under investigation by the Los Angeles Office. [redacted] related that when he sold his business during the summer of 1956, he had over 1300 juke boxes in operation in San Diego bars and restaurants. On several occasions, San Diego top hoodlums [redacted] BOMPENSIERO, and [redacted] put pressure on him to force him to sell his business to them or to permit them to install their Maestro Music Company machines in these bars. All machines installed in the bars controlled by San Diego Sicilian hoodlums were owned by the Maestro Music Company. This pressure in several instances involved veiled threats of bodily harm. b7C

During late 1955 or early 1956, [redacted] temporarily left his office in San Diego and on return thereto was confronted by one [redacted] noted a large mound on his desk covered with a sheet. [redacted] pulled this sheet back, revealing $200,000 cash in bundles of various denominations, from five dollars to fifty dollars. [redacted] to take the money and leave the premises--sell him his juke box business. [redacted] refused. [redacted] stated that he ascertained that [redacted] was representing JOE SICA in this deal. b7C

Concerning [redacted] stated that [redacted] had previously been involved with the [redacted] for the State of North Dakota and one [redacted] in an illegal slot machine

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deal in North Dakota. He related that investigation of this case for the Internal Revenue Service was conducted by his [redacted] now of U. S. Internal Revenue Service, San Diego. San Diego Office indices reflect case captioned [redacted] wa; [redacted] - ITGD; CONSPIRACY; "OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE" OO - Minneapolis (SD File 56-69). San Diego file in this matter reflects that [redacted] was [redacted] of the State of North Dakota and [redacted] were officials in charge of operation of the Mayflower Distributing Company, St. Paul, Minnesota, which company was engaged in the sale and distribution of gambling devices. These three individuals were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury, Fargo, North Dakota, on 10-7-52, for violation of the ITOGD laws. b7C

[redacted] related that [redacted] and another individual, last name [redacted] from Chicago, whom he could not further identify, were also associated with JOE SICA in attempts to buy him out. [redacted] purchased an interest in the Badger Sales, Los Angeles, presumably with SICA. [redacted] was subsequently convicted of U. S. Internal Revenue laws violation and while incarcerated, [redacted] took care of [redacted] interest in the Badger Sales. b7C

[redacted] related that he sold his juke box business to [redacted] of Taft, California, during 1956. [redacted] is currently [redacted] of this company in San Diego. [redacted] stated that SICA has no association whatsoever with this group. [redacted] further informed that this group under [redacted] currently has over 100 juke boxes in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, under some agreement with Mexican authorities whereby the wife of a former President of Mexico obtains revenue therefrom. b7C

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[redacted] U. S. Internal Revenue Service employee, San Diego, was interviewed but could furnish no additional information pertinent to this matter. b7C

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No active investigation is currently being conducted by San Diego concerning [redacted] b7C

"The San Diego Union" dated 2-16-58 bears article entitled "Mexican Consul Gets Transfer to Embassy". This item states that ALBERTO REYES SPINDOLA, Mexican Consul in San Diego since 1955, has received orders transferring him to the Mexican Embassy at Cuidad Trujillo, Dominican Republic. REYES SPINDOLA, according to the article, will be replaced by EMILIO OCHO TERENA, now Consul at Cuidad Trujillo. In his new post REYES SPINDOLA will serve as First Secretary of the Embassy at Cuidad Trujillo.

As reflected in San Diego airtel to the Director, dated 3-9-57, captioned [redacted] aka - ITSP"- SD File 87-1935, [redacted] was associate of individuals involved in [redacted] from Mexico. [redacted] furnished [redacted] b2
[redacted] During meeting held at [redacted] Restaurant, [redacted] b7C
[redacted] in San Diego, [redacted] arrived with [redacted] b7D
[redacted] operator of [redacted] San Diego, and a [redacted] was introduced to informant by [redacted] During breaks in negotiations to [redacted] [redacted] into the United States, [redacted] conversed in [redacted] presumably concerning said transaction.

Pertinent information set forth above has been or is being referred to respective interested offices.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 2/27/58

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-15)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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Re SAC Let No. 58-13, dated 2/21/58.

Pursuant to relet ANTONIO MIRABILE, was., FBI #908635, is being selected as the San Diego top hoodlum who offers the best possibilities of penetration.

MIRABILE is reputedly very wealthy. Investigation reflects he has loaned money to numerous Sicilians and through associates has obtained liquor licenses for them in connection with bar operations in San Diego. He is also financially interested in the companies furnishing juke boxes, liquor and other services to numerous bars in San Diego, including all those operated by Sicilian associates. [redacted] has advised that MIRABILE carries amounts up to $50,000 cash on his person. b2 b7D

MIRABILE is reputedly one of the leaders of the Sicilian element in Southern California and is a contact of national top hoodlums in other areas.

In 1952, with FRANK BOMPENSIERO, another top hoodlum, San Diego, MIRABILE organized San Diego Tavern Owners Protective Association comprising some 50 member bars all Sicilian owned with a stated goal of 100.

MIRABILE also reportedly controls employment of bartenders and waitresses in Sicilian bars through associate in local waitresses union, business agent [redacted] [redacted] of San Diego top hoodlum [redacted] and associate in bartenders union with business agent [redacted] b7C

[redacted] has advised that MIRABILE conducts much of his business on a park bench in Balboa Park, opposite the Palomar Apartments, owned by him in San Diego, scheduling his contacts there. San Diego Agents in surveillances of this area have observed local associates of MIRABILE including local union representatives meet with him there. These meetings are apparently held by prior appointment. b2 b7D

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MIRABILE and/or his associates are in direct contact with eight on the top ten San Diego hoodlums, leaving only one of these individuals with no known association.

Concerted efforts to obtain additional information concerning MIRABILE and his associates are being conducted through contact with informants and PCIs, surveillances, telephone toll calls, mail cover, bank deposits, review of Federal and State Internal Revenue reports. In addition it is intended that a concerted effort be made to develop live informants in the bars and clubs in which MIRABILE is financially interested in through his associations with other Italian hoodlums in the San Diego area.

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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ANTONIO MIRABILE - AR
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On 2-2-58 San Diego Agents conducted a surveillance of the funeral of VICTOR V. PIPITONE in San Diego. PIPITONE was owner of several bars and restaurants and a member of the Italian-American Civic Association, Family Club, and reported by reliable sources as an associate of San Diego top hoodlums.

At said funeral, San Diego Agents observed several San Diego top hoodlums, including MIRABILE, [redacted] the [redacted] of San Diego top hoodlum FRANK COMPENSIERO, and numerous Sicilian bar owners. A group of these individuals, all male, many of whom were recognized as San Diego hoodlums and associates of hoodlums, were observed to congregate outside the church where this funeral was being held. They did not enter the church during the services and appeared to be conducting some sort of meeting on the street corner outside the church. b7C

License numbers of vehicles driven by individuals attending said funeral were obtained. Identities of the registered and legal owners of said vehicles have been obtained from the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California. The list of identified owners, in addition to well-known San Diego Sicilians and bar owner friends of PIPITONE, also include [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] Los Angeles. [redacted] was observed by San Diego Agents to convey MIRABILE to the funeral and an unidentified individual of Italian appearance accompanied them.

By letter to the Director, dated 12-30-55, captioned "THE MAFIA - LOS ANGELES DIVISION - GIIF", the Los Angeles Office advised that [redacted] of the above address, was included in two lists of names submitted to the Bureau by the Denver Office, these names being obtained from a confidential source. These names were allegedly taken from two address books found in the possession of [redacted] reputedly a representative of [redacted] notorious Eastern Sicilian hoodlum, now in Italy. The source advised that [redacted] was in the United States for the purpose of contacting representatives of the Mafia organization. His address book contained the name and address listed above for [redacted]

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In the case entitled [redacted] was., ET AL; [redacted] - VICTIM - KIDNAPING (LA File 7-92), an investigation in 1934, with New York as Origin, had as one of the subjects, [redacted] a Fugitive. A letter was sent to [redacted] at his Brooklyn, New York, address, which bore the return name and address of [redacted] Investigation in this case developed that [redacted] resided in Brooklyn, New York in 1936, and that he was a Los Angeles bootlegger during prohibition days. On interview in 1936 he described his occupation as salesman for a Los Angeles olive oil importing company, which position required frequent trips to eastern points, including New York, Philadelphia, and Boston.

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Another vehicle observed at said funeral is registered to [redacted] A San Diego address, [redacted] was furnished by DMV for this individual. A [redacted] of Los Angeles is reported to be a close associate of [redacted] Los Angeles top hoodlum. Investigation is being

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conducted to ascertain whether [redacted] may be involved in any illegal activities in the San Diego area and to determine the degree of association with other Southern California top hoodlums.

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Also observed at this funeral were San Diego Police Department Detectives [redacted] who handles pawn shop contacts for the San Diego Police Department. Sgt. [redacted] and Sgt. [redacted] According to Sgt. [redacted] San Diego Police Department, [redacted] was a close friend of PIPITONE and accompanied PIPITONE to Los Angeles, including Hollywood Park Race Track, on several occasions. [redacted] was reported by PCI [redacted] to have been paid $600.00 as "Christmas gift" by San Diego Pawn Brokers Association, Christmas of 1957. [redacted] are reported by reliable San Diego Police Department sources to be very friendly with local Italian bar owners and hoodlums. [redacted] is handling the Hoodlum Program for the San Diego Police Department set up by the California State Peace Officers Association.

Sgt. [redacted] Lt. [redacted] (NA), and [redacted] in charge Vice Squad Night Detail, all San Diego Police Department, have advised that certain officers, including those mentioned above, cannot be confided in concerning local Sicilian bar owners. They cited several instances involving arrests of said hoodlums where evidence was "lost" and information leaked, indicating that the officers named were cooperating with the hoodlums and accepting pay-offs.

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[redacted] was - AR
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[redacted] has been designated a Top Hoodlum, National.

On 2-25-58 [redacted] Supervisory Property Disposal Assistant, Property Disposal Office, Naval Air Station,

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North Island, California, a Civil Service employee, made records available reflecting that [redacted] President, Apache Realty & Development Company, Route 2, Box 940, Tucson, Arizona, registered at said office on October 4, November 18, 1957, and on January 7 and 8, 1958, and February 6, 1958. [redacted] entered bids on minor items of surplus property being sold by the United States Navy. The Apache Realty & Development Company, Tucson, Arizona, is an enterprise operated by this hoodlum. b7C

In view of [redacted] background and reportedly numerous large holdings of property, particularly in Arizona, there is some speculation on the part of the San Diego Office that his appearance in San Diego is for some more important reason than bidding on minor items of surplus Government property. It is noted that Civil Service employee [redacted] is of Sicilian descent, both parents having been born in Sicily. b7C

Photostatic copy of letter from [redacted] Commander, Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department, to Superintendent, California State Penitentiary, Chino, California, dated 8-11-55, made available by the Los Angeles Office, reflects "BOMPENSIERO is known to be a personal friend of [redacted] [redacted] owner of the Grace Ranch in Tucson, Arizona. This ranch for some time has been known as a hide-out for gangsters from the East. [redacted] of course, gained his fame as the head of the [redacted] Mob of Detroit several years ago." b7C

Following BOMPENSIERO's incarceration in California State Penitentiary for Bribery in April, 1955, in connection with illegal liquor license transactions, [redacted] advised that members of the Sicilian group in Southern California held a meeting at the Grace Ranch, Tucson, Arizona, owned by [redacted] At that time [redacted] was reputed to be one of the heads of the Sicilian group in Southern California. [redacted] stated that FRANK was represented at said meeting by his [redacted] [redacted] also a San Diego tavern owner. FRANK BOMPENSIERO has been designated a top hoodlum in the San Diego Division. b2 b7C b7D

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San Diego GIIF reports contain information concerning association of [redacted] with other San Diego top hoodlums, including [redacted] and [redacted] Oceanside, California, tavern owners.

FRANK BOMPENSIERO - AR - SD 92-25 b7C

In addition to information set forth above concerning BOMPENSIERO on 2-21-58, San Francisco furnished identities of visitors of BOMPENSIERO at the California State Prison, San Quentin, California, during his current incarceration. This list includes top Los Angeles hoodlum FRANK DESIMONE, top San Diego hoodlum [redacted] of the reputed leader of the Mafia in California, now deceased, JACK DRAGNA, ANDREW JOHN CANONICO, FBI #1228520, San Diego tavern owner. CANONICO has resided in San Diego for some twenty years. Under the alias JOHNNIE KEYES he is famous as the "white Mayor of Chinatown, New York City". b7C

Also visiting or corresponding with BOMPENSIERO, according to this list, is "Friend - [redacted] San Diego Police Department." [redacted] is further identified in previous information set forth above. No particular significance based on information available to date has been attached to the other visitors listed for BOMPENSIERO. b7C

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On 2-20-58 [redacted] enter a vehicle in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, which it was afterward ascertained is registered to the [redacted] was., [redacted] related that at about 9:30 a. m. on said date he conveyed [redacted] in his taxi, during which

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trip [redacted] told him that he was in a hurry and had an important appointment. Informant thereafter observed [redacted] enter said vehicle.

[redacted] is currently on probation following bookmaking charge in San Diego County. [redacted] a top hoodlum, San Diego Division, is currently incarcerated in California State Penitentiary following guilty plea to felony bookmaking charges. b7C

[redacted] and his [redacted] have been reported by reliable sources in the past to be contacts of Tijuana influential and wealthy night club owners. Their activities allegedly include arranging for parties involving Hollywood and Los Angeles call girls and Mexican business men. [redacted] has recently opened a new restaurant and bar known as the Coronet, in Tijuana. This bar is reportedly a hang-out for influential Mexicans, Hollywood movie actors, and Southern California and Tijuana hoodlums. b7C

Investigator [redacted] (NA), San Diego County District Attorney's Office, advised on 2-27-58 that he had received information that a local female bookmaker was visiting Tijuana daily. It is the opinion of San Diego Office Agents that [redacted] is conveying bookmaking information and bets from San Diego to Tijuana with [redacted] possibly placing this money at the foreign book at Caliente, she being too well known and being known as under probation, to do so herself. The [redacted] and [redacted] are closely associated with [redacted] one of the Caliente Race Track Directors. b7C

[redacted] stated that [redacted] has two cars, both of which are registered in her mother's name.

[redacted] further advised that investigation of [redacted] for bookmaking developed that he was definitely banked in said operations by [redacted] of Las Vegas, Nevada. [redacted] is listed as a top hoodlum of the Salt Lake City Division.

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Under an interlocutory divorce decree recently granted to [redacted] she is to receive $300.00 per month from [redacted] As previously reported, [redacted] visited San Diego prior to guilty plea of [redacted] and again after his sentencing under circumstances indicating that [redacted] may have induced [redacted] to plead guilty to preclude the possibility of further investigation divulging [redacted] association with Nevada backers. [redacted] stated that it is his opinion that [redacted] is taking care of both [redacted] and his ex-wife [redacted] during [redacted] incarceration and that [redacted] is continuing the bookmaking business of her ex-husband.

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[redacted] is [redacted] Top Ten Hoodlum (SD 92-21). He is Business Agent, Culinary Alliance and Hotel Service Employees Union, Local 402, A. F. of L., San Diego. He has been observed by San Diego Agents in conference with San Diego Top Hoodlum ANTONIO MIRABILE on several occasions recently. He is known to be a close associate of other San Diego top hoodlums. Based on information received to date, it is the opinion of San Diego Agents that MIRABILE controls said union in so far as the employment of waitresses is concerned at bars operated by MIRABILE and his Sicilian associates in San Diego and vicinity.

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By airtel to the Director dated 2-12-58 captioned [redacted] - AR" - 00 - St. Louis, that office advised that several New York hoodlums, including [redacted] were arrested by Federal Narcotics Agents in New York on 1-23-58. During a search of [redacted] apartment in connection with said arrests among other documents located was a business card of [redacted] bearing his employment and address in San Diego. [redacted] is also known to be in contact with Los Angeles and San Bernardino hoodlums.

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On 2-25-58 [redacted] in charge Night Detail,

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San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] engaged in a brawl with another brother, [redacted] on prior night. This occurred in The Tropics, a night club operated by [redacted] and [redacted] also own several taverns in San Diego. This brawl apparently arose over [redacted] warning to [redacted] to cease disturbing their mother. [redacted] stated that [redacted] cares for their mother and that from the argument she apparently is concerned over the activities of her sons. During this argument [redacted] reportedly made the statement to his brothers "Go ahead and kill me just like you did to SAL." [redacted] identified SAL as SALVATORE VITALE, FBI No. 1209612. b7C

On 2-27-58 [redacted] Assistant Mexican Immigration Officer in Charge, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, advised that [redacted] arrived in Tijuana on said date by plane from Italy via New York and San Francisco. He stated that he has granted [redacted] a six-months business permit authorizing him to remain in Baja California for said period. [redacted] according to [redacted] told him he is now interested in the cotton thread business. [redacted] brought his wife, [redacted] and infant daughter. His wife is [redacted] brothers named above. b7C

Other background information on the disappearance of VITALE and on [redacted] is set forth in San Diego airtel to the Director, captioned subject, dated 2-14-58 under the same subject heading. b7C

On 2-25-58 Los Angeles advised that Lt. [redacted] Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Division, and SA [redacted] Federal Narcotics Bureau, Los Angeles, advised that [redacted] was then either in Tijuana or San Diego, and that he has been or will be contacted by a California State Senate Committee investigator named [redacted] will be subpoenaed to appear before this committee in Los Angeles on 2-26-58, according to [redacted] b7C

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Information previously received alleges that [redacted] during interview by Federal Narcotic Bureau Agent in Italy made the statement that FRANK DESIMONE, top hoodlum Los Angeles, who was present at Apalachin meeting, succeeded the late JACK IGNATIUS DRAGNA as head of the WestCoast Mafia. b7C

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Los Angeles requested San Diego to interview [redacted]

[redacted] advised that [redacted] was met in Tijuana by [redacted] and that [redacted] intended to proceed to Ensenada, B. C., Mexico, about sixty miles south of the Mexican border at Tijuana, address unknown to [redacted] As the Bureau has been previously advised, [redacted] has in the past shielded Italian hoodlums and arranged for their stay in the Tijuana, B. C., Mexico area. It is the opinion of San Diego Office Agents that [redacted] is aware of the whereabouts of [redacted] b7C

[redacted] will reportedly apply for admission to the United States through the American Consulate in Tijuana, and arrangements are being made to locate and interview him through said office.

It is noted that during 1954, when [redacted] was in the San Diego-Tijuana area, he advised United States Immigration authorities that he was a graduate engineer and desired to enter the United States to study citrus fruit growing in California, Florida, and other points. b7C

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SAC, San Diego

Director, FBI

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

March 4, 1958

PERSONAL ATTENTION

When you were last in Washington, your attention was called to the importance of intensifying your coverage in the criminal underworld. You were also instructed to take steps to obtain informants who would be in a position to keep you currently advised of matters which would be of interest to the Bureau. The need for developing an active program which would supply criminal intelligence information to your office was covered in detail.

You are requested to submit to the Bureau immediately the plans which you have formulated and the steps which you have taken to implement the foregoing.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-new)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ReBulet to New York, dated 2-10-58.

Pursuant to relet, the following weekly summary as requested by relet is submitted:

[redacted] was - AR (SD 92-17) b2

On 2-3-58 [redacted] advised that [redacted] was in San Diego in connection with the sentencing of [redacted] to California State Penitentiary following [redacted] guilty plea to one count felony, bookmaking. CI related that [redacted] who had been charged with several felony counts in connection with San Diego bookmaking activities was instructed by [redacted] and his associates to plead guilty to the one count rather than plead not guilty and possibly thereby incur additional investigation into San Diego bookmaking activities. It was feared by [redacted] and his associates that such additional investigation might divulge that they were backing San Diego bookmakers. b7C b7D

CI related that [redacted] had previously contacted [redacted] after [redacted] was arrested on said charges. b7C

According to San Diego County District Attorney Investigators, including [redacted] (NA), [redacted] and several other San Diego bookmakers were instructed by Superior Court Judge JOHN HEWICKER to either divulge their backers and associates or go to prison. News items appearing in the "San Diego Union" quoted Judge HEWICKER and others as charging that bookmaking in San Diego was being overlooked by police authorities and that there had been fixing of bookmaking cases. b7C

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[redacted] named above, is listed as a top hoodlum in the Salt Lake City Division.

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On 1-31-58 [redacted] advised that [redacted] had b7D recently gone to Detroit or New York City to learn how to handle bookmaking transactions without maintaining records which could be used as evidence in the event of police action. Informant stated that [redacted] is now backing a bookmaking operation in San Diego involving a telephone exchange set up by a telephone company employee with twenty-year service, who is being paid by [redacted] The exchange phone in this operation is manned during the day when the foreign book is open or horse races are being conducted at Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, about twenty miles from San Diego. The phone in this exchange has been altered so that it does not ring, which ring would register on the electronic devices maintained by the telephone company. Instead, when other individuals involved in this operation call the exchange, a feather moves. The exchange operator thereupon picks up the phone, which conceivably is an open line. On the receipt of bets, the exchange phone operator marks the bet on the face of a large refrigerator near said phone. He then relays this bet to other individuals via toll calls or possibly leased lines. After the race is over he again relays the information and wipes information concerning the prior bet off the refrigerator door with a towel. Runners and other phones, some possibly being toll phones to Caliente and Las Vegas, may be involved, according to Informant. No paper entries or records are kept by the operator of the exchange phone.

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Informant mentioned other individuals possibly being involved in this operation as [redacted] with aliases, an ex convict and horse trainer, [redacted] operator of a bar near Del Mar Race Track, at Solana Beach, and a night club in

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National City, and an unidentified individual named [redacted] b7C

[redacted] is married to the daughter of [redacted] b7C
[redacted] with aliases, a Detroit Top Hoodlum.

On 2-10-58 [redacted] INS Investigator, Chula Vista, California, advised that Mexican Immigration Officer [redacted] b7C
[redacted] had telephoned him that [redacted] had asked [redacted] to contact [redacted] in a bar in San Diego on the same night. [redacted] is Assistant Mexican Immigration Officer in Charge, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. Reliable sources in the past have advised that he is friendly with Italians, has assisted them in obtaining the necessary documents to reside in Mexico, and has sheltered them in Tijuana.

On 2-11-57 [redacted] informed that [redacted] told him that the meeting was held in the Tropics Bar, San Diego, on the previous evening. [redacted] told [redacted] that SALVATORE VITALE was alive in Italy and [redacted] desired that [redacted] arrange for VITALE's residence in Tijuana. [redacted] is an [redacted] b7C
further told [redacted] that [redacted] was arriving in Tijuana from Italy on 2-16-58. [redacted] was requested to arrange for the necessary Mexican documents to permit [redacted] to reside there.

As set forth in report of SA [redacted] (A), b7C
Los Angeles, dated 1-15-58, captioned "FRANK DESIMONE - AR", the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, Los Angeles, advised that [redacted] had been interviewed by a Federal Narcotics Agent in Rome, Italy. [redacted] in 1955 at San Diego, California, married [redacted] of SALVATORE VITALE, FBI Number 1209612. [redacted] allegedly indicated a desire to enter the United States to solve the murder of VITALE, who reportedly was last heard from during May, 1956, in Detroit, Michigan. VITALE had reportedly gone to Detroit in connection with the sale of pure heroin worth $60,000 on which he had

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received a payment of only $20,000. A review of San Diego Office files reflects that SALVATORE VITALE is the husband of [redacted] sister of San Diego Top Hoodlum [redacted] [redacted] VITALE has a long criminal record, including narcotics arrests. Following deportation to Italy, he re-entered the United States illegally and during 1954 resided in San Diego, and was employed by the [redacted] who own numerous bars here. VITALE was under U. S. INS bond and his movements were restricted by the terms of said bond to San Diego and vicinity. He was not permitted to leave San Diego without U. S. INS permission. San Diego INS authorities advised that VITALE obtained permission to proceed to Detroit, Michigan, in connection with narcotics charges against him there. VITALE did not appear in Detroit as scheduled. INS officials contacted his wife and the other [redacted] in San Diego, all of whom attempted to convey the impression to INS that VITALE had been murdered.

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[redacted] has advised that [redacted] was surety on VITALE's bond.

[redacted] further advised that [redacted] of [redacted] were sureties on the Immigration bond of [redacted] dated 12-23-54. Another bond was furnished by them for [redacted] on 7-20-55. [redacted] is married to [redacted] sister, according to [redacted] They were born in [redacted] at the time of his admission to the United States stated he desired to study citrus growing in California, Arizona, and Florida.

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While in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, prior to his temporary admission to the United States, [redacted] was arrested by Baja California, Mexico state authorities on the basis of unsupported information that he was involved in a plan to murder Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO. He was subsequently released.

According to an article appearing in the "San Diego Union" dated 4-1-52, VITALE, following deportation from the

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United States to Italy, was arrested at the Los Angeles Airport. His arrest reportedly led to arrests of Italian narcotics dealers in Italy. U. S. Customs Agents in San Diego, stated that VITALE had spent some time in Tijuana prior to entering the United States on that occasion. He was reportedly connected with an International dope ring.

b7C Mexican Immigration Officer [redacted] is in a position to arrange for VITALE [redacted] and other Italian hoodlums to live in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, as he has reportedly done in the past. INS Investigator [redacted] stated that [redacted] has withheld and is undoubtedly now withholding additional information concerning these and possibly other Italians. [redacted] openly expresses a desire to assist United States authorities, however.

ANTONIO MIRABILE, was - AR (SD 92-20)

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On 1-31-58 [redacted] advised that MIRABILE reportedly still retained an interest in the Aloha Night Club, Tijuana, which he formerly operated. Informant named [redacted] ex con and strong arm for Longshoremen's Union, Long Beach, as having been a bodyguard for MIRABILE. He stated that [redacted] [redacted] is currently MIRABILE's body guard and operates a San Diego bar. [redacted] has FBI Number [redacted] b2 b7C b7D

On 2-3-58 a funeral was held in San Diego for VICTOR PIPITONE, with aliases. PIPITONE operated several bars in San Diego and was an associate of local Sicilian hoodlums. According to Sgt. [redacted] San Diego Police Department, he was once arrested (1924) in connection with a murder in San Bernardino, California. b7C

PIPITONE's funeral was attended by most of the San Diego Sicilian business men and hoodlums, including MIRABILE. License numbers of those in attendance were obtained by San

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Diego Agents and are being checked through the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, to identify the legal and registered owners. MIRABILE was observed to arrive at the funeral with two unidentified Italians. Registration on the steering wheel of vehicle in which MIRABILE came to the funeral bore the name [redacted] has been named as a Sicilian hoodlum by Captain [redacted] Intelligence Detail, Los Angeles Police Department. Some fifteen of the most notorious of the Sicilians in San Diego were observed to congregate outside the church during the funeral. They did not enter the church and did not accompany the funeral procession to the cemetery. Apparently they were holding some sort of meeting.

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ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, wa - AR (SD 92-23)

Investigation at San Diego has developed that the KBK Corporation, made up of [redacted] a [redacted] of ABRAHAM KAHN, and [redacted] have purchased the Algiers Restaurant on El Cajon Boulevard in San Diego. [redacted] and [redacted] are sons of ABRAHAM KAHN. The Algiers Restaurant was originally constructed for FRANK BOMPENSIERO, another top hoodlum in San Diego.

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On 2-13-58 [redacted] Sky Room, El Cortez Hotel, advised that [redacted] has lunch there frequently with [redacted] of San Diego. Other sources have alleged that the [redacted] are being favored in the granting of concessions for bars and night clubs by city authorities on Shelter Island and in Mission Bay.

FRANK BOMPENSIERO, was - AR (SD 92-25) Calif

"The San Diego Union" for 2-10-58 carried an article stating that the California Adult Authority will hold a parole hearing in May, 1958, for FRANK BOMPENSIERO, who is serving a

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sentence of 3 to 42 years in prison for conspiracy and bribery in liquor license scandals. His case is one of a series involving [redacted] former State Equalization Board member, who is presently a fugitive from state prosecution, said to be in Mexico City.

On 2-11-58 [redacted] of the [redacted] confidentially advised that [redacted] had [redacted] in San Diego. [redacted] stated that he has received reports from several sources that the Sicilian bar owners in San Diego are taking over bookmaking in the wake of some seventeen indictments of other bookmakers by San Diego County authorities.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI DATE: 3/7/58

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-15)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

ReBulet to San Diego 3/4/58.

Pursuant to relet the steps outlined in San Diego letter to the Director dated February 20, 1958 captioned TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE, will be closely followed.

The necessity of additional criminal informant coverage is being further stressed at daily conferences held by the ASAC and myself with all Agents presently assigned to this program, at monthly file reviews with Agents individually, and at all other conferences within the Division.

This matter will continue to receive my close personal attention in efforts to obtain the desired coverage.

2 - Director, FBI
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

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[redacted] is Top Hoodlum, Detroit Division. He has business interests Tucson, Arizona, and spends much of his time there. Investigation at San Diego reflects that [redacted] has made five visits during the past six months to Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, purportedly to bid on surplus Government property disposed of there. On such visits [redacted] registered as President of the Apache Realty and Development Company, Tucson, Arizona. On several other occasions visits for said company and [redacted] have been made by an associate who registered under the name [redacted] Some items of surplus Government property have been purchased at said base by the Apache Realty Company.

Records at HERTZ RENT-A-CAR, Lindbergh Field, San Diego, reflect that [redacted] rented vehicle there on 1-7-58 and again on 2-6-58, apparently following arrival in San Diego via plane. b7C

In addition to some information relative to [redacted] furnished under caption of instant airtel on 2-28-58, San Diego files contain information concerning [redacted] probably identical with the [redacted] named above. [redacted] has FBI Number [redacted] He is reportedly an old friend of [redacted] having met him in Cleveland over twenty-five years ago when [redacted] operated a bar there. [redacted] has also operated a cocktail lounge in Los Angeles. b7C

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By letter to the Director, dated 10-28-54, captioned GIIF - PHOENIX, TUCSON, ARIZONA - TOP HOODLUM COVERAGE, the Phoenix Office advised relative to the association of [redacted] and [redacted] in negotiations to obtain gambling concessions in Baja California, Mexico. b7C

[redacted] has in the past associated with San Diego Top Hoodlums, including [redacted] FRANK BOMPENSIERO, and others. b7C

FRANK DESIMONE - AR
OO - LA
SD 92-14

San Diego Weekly Summary of 2-28-58 under the sub-heading [redacted] contains information relative to [redacted] and his statement allegedly made to a Federal Narcotics Bureau Agent in Italy that DESIMONE succeeded the late [redacted] as head of the West Coast Mafia. DESIMONE attended the Apalachin meeting. b7C

Investigation at San Diego reflects that on 9-6-55 DESIMONE obtained a $2,000 loan at the U. S. National Bank, El Cajon Boulevard Branch, San Diego. The note for this loan was co-signed by San Diego resident [redacted] a San Diego pawn shop owner. [redacted] has been making payments on this note, as well as on other loans obtained in San Diego by DESIMONE. b7C

On 3-3-58 an individual believed to be identical with [redacted] made a $525.00 payment on DESIMONE's loan at the same bank. [redacted] of San Diego Top Hoodlum FRANK BOMPENSIERO. At time of payment he was driving vehicle registered to [redacted] another local hoodlum, who reportedly works for [redacted] and is also a bookmaker. b7C

[redacted] in [redacted] San [redacted] confidentially advised b7D b7C

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"The San Diego Union" dated 1-29-58 carries article stating that WILLSON will not be eligible to appear before the California State Parole Board until July, 1959. According to this item, WILLSON's prison term has been set at a minimum of two years. WILLSON was recently sentenced on felony count of bookmaking in San Diego County.

On 3-5-58 Detective Sergeant [redacted] San Diego Police Department, advised that [redacted] is "broke". He stated that [redacted] has a valuable watch and several rings in hock with [redacted] a San Diego pawn broker. As the Bureau has been previously advised, [redacted] is reported by reliable sources, including some San Diego Police Department officers, to be a collector for pay-offs to certain San Diego Police Department officers, including [redacted] Further, [redacted] is not deemed to be reliable.

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On 3-5-58 Chief Deputy WILLIAM WOODS (NA), San Diego Sheriff's Office, advised that the Palomar Motel and Bar at 1171 East Frontage Road, Chula Vista, California, located on U. S. 101, about four miles north of the Mexican Border and Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, was currently being operated by [redacted] and [redacted] The liquor permit for this bar was sold to these individuals by [redacted] WOODS related that the San Diego County Sheriff refused to permit [redacted] or his brothers

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to operate the Palomar and that they thereafter sold the permit to the [redacted] The [redacted] are related to [redacted] Top Hoodlum in the Milwaukee Division. b7C

The Palomar Motel and Bar is deemed by the San Diego Office to be a logical meeting place for some San Diego Top Hoodlums in view of its location and proximity to Tijuana and the main highway, U. S. 101.

The Milwaukee Office advised on 2-25-55 that [redacted] based on statements of Milwaukee informants, gets much of his power in the Italian-American Organization in Milwaukee through his relatives in Kansas City and California. b7C

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On 3-4-58 [redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are engaged in bookmaking activities in San Diego. Other information concerning said activities has previously been furnished the Bureau. b2 b7C b7D

ANTONIO MIRABILE - AR
OO - SD
SD 92-20

On 3-4-58 [redacted] advised that MIRABILE and [redacted] are very [redacted] and that [redacted] visits MIRABILE frequently in Balboa Park opposite the Palermo Hotel owned by MIRABILE. MIRABILE conducts his business from a park bench in Balboa Park and has been observed there by San Diego Agents, apparently in conference with many of the San Diego hoodlums. [redacted] is one of the Top Ten San Diego Hoodlums. b2 b7C b7D

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Informant stated that MIRABILE conducts his business from a park bench "because he knows he can't be bugged there". Informant declared that MIRABILE is head of the Sicilian faction in San Diego and is in on all major decisions. He related that [redacted] are leaders of the younger faction of Sicilians but are also associated with MIRABILE. b7C

According to Informant, [redacted] "has plenty of money" obtained from his deceased [redacted] JACK IGNACIUS DRAGNA. [redacted] has been working as bar tender in bars operated by the [redacted] b7C

Informant stated that [redacted] operator of Bernardo's Winery, near Escondido, about twenty-five miles from San Diego, is a [redacted] of MIRABILE and that out-of-town Sicilians, as well as local hoodlums frequently visit there. b7C

[redacted] WINERY is considered as another possible meeting point of local Sicilian hoodlums. b7C

On 3-4-58 Investigator [redacted] Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Ysidro, California, advised that the operator of [redacted] Beauty Shop, 6th and B Streets, Tijuana, is [redacted]. Toll calls made to Tijuana telephone located in this beauty shop have been frequently charged to MIRABILE. b7C

[redacted] is [redacted] of GIROLAMO "MOMO" ADAMO, who recently committed suicide in San Diego, and "MOMO's" [redacted] also a San Diego resident. b7C

"MOMO" has FBI Number 709564. Following his death and the attempted murder of his wife, the Bureau was advised relative to the weapon used, which had been reported stolen several years ago previously in a Southern California robbery and was believed to have been involved in several unsolved underworld murders.

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[redacted] of the beauty shop, was born in [redacted] has Immigration visa permitting visits to the United States, and is a [redacted]. According to [redacted] he is single and "has lots of San Diego female customers." b7C

On 3-4-58 Detective [redacted] identified a bar tender from Milwaukee, who, he stated, was reportedly brought to San Diego recently by MIRABILE, as [redacted] was employed at the Barbet, San Diego, a bar in which MIRABILE has an interest. [redacted] furnished description and Wisconsin driver's license and bar tender's license numbers for [redacted] The Milwaukee Office has been requested to furnish background information concerning him. b7C

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On 3-4-58 Investigator [redacted] advised that during 1951 certain individuals were called before Riverside County Grand Jury to testify concerning bookmaking and gambling in Riverside and San Bernardino Counties, California. Mentioned as controlling this activity were [redacted] his [redacted] who is married to [redacted] and is hoodlum, San Bernardino, and [redacted] with aliases. [redacted] was deported to Italy about 1952 by INS. He is now owner of Romo Cheese Factory in Tijuana, located about two blocks from the United States Consulate. He had $82,000 in a Riverside bank during the Grand Jury inquiry, which he allegedly stated he obtained through sale of cheese factory "back East". Bookmakers working for these individuals were operating out of various bars including the Towers, Riverside. [redacted] is related to the San Diego [redacted] He is now attempting to obtain permit to visit the United States.

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[redacted] is Top Hoodlum, Phoenix Division, and attended the Apalachin meeting.

[redacted] age eleven years, has been attending [redacted] San Diego, since September, 1957.

[redacted] is reportedly being sought for questioning by Federal Grand Jury, New York.

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Inquiry at [redacted] reflects that since September 28, 1957, [redacted] has obtained week-end passes to visit local San Diego families, including, on several occasions, a Mr. MIRABILE. MIRABILE is undoubtedly identical with ANTONIO MIRABILE named above.

On 3-4-58 [redacted] advised that [redacted] about [redacted] ago through "MOMO" ADAMO at Patrick's Bar in San Diego, which is operated by [redacted] another Italian hoodlum. b2 b7C b7D

The San Diego Office is of the opinion that [redacted] who is reportedly very fond of this son, is contacting him on week-ends through local San Diego Sicilian friends. b7C

VICTOR PIPITONE - AR
TOP HOODLUM - SAN DIEGO

Information concerning funeral of PIPITONE has previously been furnished Bureau.

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On 3-4-58 [redacted] advised that local Sicilians were meeting frequently in the rear of the B & L Cafe and Bar owned by PIPITONE. There they engaged in pinochle games and other b7D

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forms of gambling. Relative to this, Detective [redacted] advised that he was aware of such gambling but that he was powerless to do anything under the present police regime and inasmuch as he cannot trust his immediate supervisor, Sergeant [redacted] who is in charge of the San Diego Police Department Vice Squad.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
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[redacted] is a top hoodlum Detroit Division. He has considerable business interests, including the notorious Grace Ranch at Tucson, Arizona, and spends much of his time there. As the Bureau has been previously advised, [redacted] has recently made several visits to the Naval Air Station, North Island, San Diego, purportedly to bid on surplus Government property disposed of there. b7C

On 3/13/58, [redacted] and his wife again arrived in San Diego by plane at 12 noon. Following several phone calls he was observed to make reservations to return to Tucson, Arizona, on plane leaving San Diego at 5:25 p.m. He thereafter embarked in Hertz Rent-a-Car vehicle from the airport and was surveilled to Naval Air Station, North Island, where he again made contacts concerning the disposal of surplus property.

[redacted] and his wife were surveilled until they boarded the plane to return to Tucson. During this period he was not observed to contact anyone other than employees at that Naval Air Station.

San Diego agents placed themselves in adjoining phone booths while [redacted] made several phone calls, b7C during which calls she spoke almost entirely in Italian.

It is noted that calls made by [redacted] immediately after debarking from plane in San Diego were not made to Naval Air Station. Also the time [redacted] made 1958

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reservations to return to Tucson was after the phone calls by him. The airlines agent at this time asked [redacted] whether he desired to check any baggage for the return flight; to which [redacted] reportedly stated he would do so later. It is noted that even though [redacted] had reservations to return to Tucson and apparently planned to remain in San Diego only about four hours, he carried one large piece of Samsonite luggage and a small square leather case. These two items were placed in the Hertz Rent-a-Car on their arrival in San Diego and were checked just prior to their departure.

There is speculation that possibly [redacted] motives in making such expensive trips merely to purchase inexpensive items of surplus Government property may involve narcotics. b7C

The San Diego Office is developing a Potential Criminal Informant named [redacted] who speaks fluent [redacted] has advised that during [redacted] The liquor license was in [redacted] name. b7C b7D

While operating this business, according to [redacted] had numerous big-time hoodlum visitors from the East, including RALPH CAPONE, a young brother of Scarface Al Capone, and currently top hoodlum in the Miami Office, [redacted] and others. b7C b7D

[redacted] stated that [redacted] subsequently [redacted] which, under threats, [redacted] did.

On 3/13/58, [redacted] obtained [redacted] of [redacted] as they were [redacted] in San Diego. Arrangements are being made for [redacted] to recontact [redacted] in order to possibly obtain information concerning [redacted] and his associates. b7C b7D

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[redacted] is currently [redacted] in the preparation of a [redacted] known as [redacted] which is made up principally [redacted] of [redacted] both local and out-of-town, appearing in said [redacted] PCI has considerable [redacted] of said individuals, including recent [redacted] of San Diego Top Ten hoodlums which he has made available to the San Diego Office. b7C b7D

[redacted] parents reside [redacted] is [redacted] which has several [redacted] and the United States. [redacted] has made recent trips [redacted] claims he is a [redacted] of the [redacted] family of San Diego's Top Ten Hoodlums. [redacted] is identical with [redacted] b7C b7D

San Diego airtel dated 3/7/58, captioned matter contains additional information concerning [redacted] recent [redacted] to the San Diego Division. b7C b7D

MICHAEL (MICKEY) COHEN, was.
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On 3/12/58, LA advised relative to departure of COHEN with other individuals by plane from Los Angeles, destined for LaPaz, Southern Territory, Baja California, Mexico, purportedly to join author [redacted] will work on a book "Portrait of Cohen". b7C

COHEN'S departure from Tijuana, B.C., Mexico, via Trans Mar De Cortez Airlines has been verified. Passengers listed on said plane in COHEN'S party, included [redacted] COHEN'S Chicago attorney, [redacted] owner of Los Angeles night club, [redacted] and wife, reportedly concessionaire Las Copas Hotel, La Paz and three men from Chicago, and an b7C

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unidentified "beautiful young brunette". LA identified the three Chicago men as [redacted] and [redacted]

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Other passengers on said plane from Tijuana destined for LaPaz included U. S. Citizens [redacted] Two Mexican passengers were also on the flight.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re San Diego letter to the Director dated 3/30/50, captioned "ITALIAN GANGSTERS RESIDING IN TIJUANA, B. C., MEXICO - CRIME SURVEY, SAN DIEGO AND TIJUANA."

Copies of relet were furnished to Los Angeles, Phoenix, San Francisco and St. Louis.

Relet contained information furnished by Sergeant [redacted] San Diego Police Department, concerning activities of the following listed individuals in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, during the first part of 1950:

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FRANK BOMPENSIERO, FBI No. 337 240
Top Hoodlum, San Diego Office

[redacted] Was.

[redacted] Was.

[redacted] Was.

FBI No. [redacted]

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[redacted] FBI No [redacted]
Top Hoodlum, St. Louis Office

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[redacted] FBI No [redacted] T, H St. L.
Top Hoodlum, St. Louis Office
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On 2/24/58, Sergeant [redacted] recently retired from the San Diego Police Department, furnished one negative and one positive photostat of fingerprints and original identification record which also contains a set of fingerprints for [redacted] and [redacted] The identification records reflect that all these individuals were arrested by the Tijuana Police Department on 3/1/50, with the exception of [redacted] who was arrested on 2/28/50. These documents were obtained by Sergeant [redacted] from the Tijuana Police Department. [redacted] stated they were his personal records, that he was giving them to the FBI and that he did not desire their return.

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The documents described above are being enclosed, herewith, for the Bureau for such use as is deemed appropriate. They need not be returned to San Diego.

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TITLE:	CHARACTER OF CASE:
ACTIVITIES OF TOP TEN HOODLUMS IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM	ANTI-RACKETEERING

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SUMMARY REPORT

1. [redacted] Was., FBI [redacted] currently on probation for failure to provide for minor child in San Diego. County authorities contemplate issuance of warrant. [redacted] reportedly involved in narcotics activities, San Diego area, during 1956. Present residence and site of operations not known. b7C

2. FRANK BOMPENSIERO, Was., FBI # 337240, currently serving sentence, San Quentin Penitentiary, California. Appeared before California Parole Authority, November 5, 1956, and was denied a specific sentence until he had served three full years. His [redacted] is active in bar operations, San Diego. SALVATORE identified as individual making payment in San Diego bank on debt owed by FRANK DESIMONE, top hoodlum, Los Angeles. b7C

3. [redacted] Was., FBI [redacted] currently tending bar for [redacted] named later in this report. [redacted] reportedly is broke. Some sources state he inherited large sum of money from [redacted] JACK IGNATIUS DRAGNA reputed former head of West Coast Mafia, and is claiming he is broke to evade Internal Revenue jeopardy assessment. [redacted] was administrator for father's estate in March, 1956. [redacted] b7C

4. ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, Wa., FBI # 787113, currently on Federal probation until 9/30/59, for income tax violation.

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No current assets or legitimate enterprises for KAHN located. Numerous businesses and corporations in San Diego are controlled by immediate family.

5. [redacted] Was., FBI [redacted] reported to be associate of [redacted] Was., top hoodlum, Newark Office, in alcohol and narcotics rackets. N.J. b7C

6. [redacted] Was., FBI [redacted] operates several bars in San Diego and is associated with ANTONINO MIRABILE. He is secretary of juke box and coin operated amusement device company. Vice president of said company is [redacted] who is in contact with [redacted] top hoodlum. [redacted] is married to [redacted] of [redacted] U.S.A. CALIF.

7. ANTONINO MIRABILE, Was., FBI # 908635, continues to make contacts with other San Diego hoodlums and business associates in Balboa Park across the street from the Palomar Apartments owned by him. b7C

8. [redacted] Was., FBI [redacted] has reportedly not been active recently due to narcotics arrests by Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, authorities [redacted] b7C

9. [redacted], Was., FBI [redacted] operates bars in Oceanside, California, with brothers [redacted] and [redacted]

10. [redacted], Was., FBI [redacted] currently incarcerated in Chino Prison, California. Reportedly will not be eligible to appear before Parole Board until July, 1959. Prison Classification Department has set a minimum term of two years for [redacted] b7C

Information developed concerning criminal activities and legitimate enterprises of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums set out. Other matters affecting law enforcement and criminal activities within the San Diego Division are furnished. BOMPENSIERO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND WAS A SUSPECT IN AT LEAST TWO MURDERS. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. [redacted] HAS IN THE PAST SHOT AT MEXICAN POLICE OFFICERS AND IS REPORTED TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. b7C

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PART ONE

Activities of Top Ten Hoodlums in the San Diego Field Division

I. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES

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A. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION CONCERNING ACTIVITIES OF SAN DIEGO TOP TEN HOODLUMS

F.B.I. NO. - [redacted]

1. [redacted] Was.

Information concerning [redacted] association with known burglars [redacted] has been previously reported. [redacted] SAN DIEGO, CALIF

On January 27 and 28, 1958, [redacted] Probation Officer, San Diego County, advised that [redacted] has been convicted of charges for failure to provide for a minor child and has been placed on probation on this charge. He advised that on October 2, 1952, [redacted] entered a plea of guilty to such charge, which is in violation of Section 270 of the California Penal Code, and was sentenced to serve one year in custody of the Sheriff. This sentence was suspended provided [redacted] make certain payments. On January 27, 1953, he was returned to court since payments had not been made, and on February 14, 1953, he posted a $1,000 cash bond and was released provided he make $135 per month payments for the support of his minor children. During that year, he failed to make any additional payments, and money was taken from the bond, with the result that only $55 remained in the bond fund by December, 1953. On October 11, 1954, a bench warrant was issued and on October 20, 1955, [redacted] was again sentenced to a year in custody of the Sheriff, with sentence suspended when [redacted] again put up $1,000 bond, allegedly money received from a [redacted] San Diego, a fishing boat operator. From about that time to September 23, 1957, [redacted] is reported to have paid well on the payments for the support of his minor children, but since September 23, no payments have been

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made, and he has arrears of about $285. [redacted] advised that one more attempt will be made to contact [redacted] and thereafter attempt will be made to have a warrant issued for his arrest in order that he might be brought into court to show cause as to why his probation should not be revoked. b7C

[redacted] informed that this type of probation is mainly a collection type, and as a result he does not have as much information on this probationer as he would have on some. The procedure has resolved itself as a matter of maintaining continual pressure on [redacted] to assure that money is available for the support of his children. He advised that [redacted] last known address is [redacted] San Diego, and that [redacted] former wife, [redacted] who is the mother of his children, resides at [redacted] with her children. [redacted] informed that [redacted] only employment known in the San Diego area has been that at Top's Drive-in as a floor man at $15 a night as of July 11, 1956. b7C

[redacted] informed that individuals who have helped in putting up bond for [redacted] have been [redacted] A. J. KAHN (a local hoodlum of considerable wealth), [redacted] employed at the YMCA, San Diego, and [redacted] mentioned previously. b7C

Investigation to locate [redacted] residence and the site of his activities in the San Diego and Los Angeles Divisions has failed to develop any specific information to date. [redacted] has advised that when [redacted] comes to San Diego, he generally [redacted] is of the opinion that [redacted] is still engaged in prostitution activities in the Bakersfield and San Bernardino, California, area. b2 b7C b7D

Information concerning allegations of his activities in narcotics and prostitution are set forth hereafter under those headings.

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F.B.I. No.- 337240

2. FRANK BOMPENSIERO, Was.

Under date of February 21, 1958, the San Francisco Office advised that prison records at San Quentin Penitentiary, San Quentin, California, for inmate FRANK BOMPENSIERO, CSP # A-33014, were reviewed by SA [redacted] on February 5, 10 and 11, 1958. The file revealed that BOMPENSIERO was received at San Quentin on May 16, 1955, after conviction on charges of conspiracy, accepting bribes, etc. BOMPENSIERO appeared before the California Parole Authority on November 5, 1956, and the board ordered that he be denied a specific sentence until he had served three full years in prison. The records reflect BOMPENSIERO will next appear before the Parole Board in May, 1958, at which time consideration will be given his case regarding setting the amount of time he will have to serve in prison. b7C

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On January 20, 1958, [redacted] advised that [redacted] of the California State Adjutant General's Office, Sacramento, California, who is on the Parole Board and is fully acquainted with BOMPENSIERO's background, had advised that he did not intend to recommend BOMPENSIERO's parole in May, 1958. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] of FRANK. On February 10, 1958, [redacted] Alcohol Beverage Control, San Diego, advised that [redacted] and [redacted] are licensed to operate The Spot, 1036 Third Avenue, San Diego. In addition, [redacted] has operated The Corsair, a bar and cafe, 410 West Broadway, San Diego. b7C

On March 5, 1958, [redacted] U. S. National Bank, San Diego, identified a photograph of [redacted] as being the individual who, on March 3, 1958, made a cash payment of $525 on a loan made at said bank to FRANK DESIMONE. DESIMONE is a Los Angeles top hoodlum. He attended the Appalachian meeting and is currently being sought by a New York Grand Jury for questioning in connection with said meeting. b7D

Information concerning illegal liquor license manipulation by FRANK BOMPENSIERO has been previously reported. Further details relative thereto are set forth in this report under appropriate heading.

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3. [redacted] Was

On January 21, 1958, the records of the Los Angeles Police Department, Identification Division, were reviewed by SE [redacted] for any information they might contain concerning [redacted] It was determined that [redacted] FBI [redacted] was arrested on February 14, 1950, charged with suspicion of conspiracy to commit murder. He was released on February 15, 1950. His Los Angeles Police Department number was 144978, and his fingerprint classification number is as follows:

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On February 18, 1958, the records of the Superior Court, Los Angeles County, under Docket # 577033, were reviewed by SA [redacted] at which time it was ascertained that a complaint for damages was filed in Superior Court by [redacted] on August 24, 1950. The attorney representing [redacted] Suite 1212, Spring Arcade Building, 541 South Spring Street, Los Angeles. The plaintiff was [redacted] and the defendants were [redacted] I through X. [redacted] in his complaint claimed to be a resident of Los Angeles; further that [redacted] et al, Los Angeles Police Department officers, on February 13, 1950, at 10:00 P.M. in Los Angeles, arrested and seized the plaintiff, searched and took into custody without a warrant of any type or purpose of any kind against his will and without his consent. He was transported in a police car to the Los Angeles City Hall, where he was questioned and held until 3:00 A.M. The complaint charged a large number of newspaper reporters and photographers were permitted to photograph [redacted] knowing his picture would be published throughout the United States showing him to be a criminal held for the crime of a felony. He charged he was remanded to the Los Angeles City Jail, photographed, searched and fingerprinted, and confined to a tank where he was not permitted to communicate with his mother, attorney or anyone. He charged he was released on February 16, 1950, and no charge had been filed against him. He alleged he was held on conspiracy to commit murder and/or suspicion to commit a felony. He alleged

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he was charged with being a member of a criminal gang, a mobster, and had been under police observation for a number of months preceding his arrest.

[redacted] further alleged in his complaint that he had been charged with possession of an arsenal of revolvers, shotguns and pistols. [redacted] denied committing the said offenses, stating he was not a member of a criminal gang, nor was he a mobster, nor were any revolvers, shotguns or pistols found or maintained in his home. He stated he had attended a public grammar school and high school in Los Angeles, was a student at the University of Southern California, had joined the U. S. Army and had served in combat. Further, that he had lost one eye as a result of enemy action. He charged he had been caused to suffer humiliation, and distress by his false arrest and imprisonment and should be awarded the sum of $250,000. Further, that since the arrest was caused without any warrant or other process or order authorizing the arrest and detention and since the defendants acted with deliberate and premeditated malice with intent to injure him, that he was entitled to additional damages in the amount of $100,000. b7C

The trial was scheduled for March 10, 1954, before Judge CARYL M. SHELDON. [redacted] represented [redacted] The defendants were [redacted] and [redacted] The other defendants were released by stipulation. b7C

On March 23, 1954, a notice of Entry of Judgment was filed, which stated that a judgment in favor of the defendants was rendered and against [redacted] This record is located in Book # 2694, Page 80, in the records of the Superior Court in the State of California. The notice of Entry of Judgment was addressed to [redacted], Attorney at Law, 3859 Main Street, Riverside, California. In this connection, it should be noted that on March 10, 1954, [redacted] had substituted [redacted] as his attorney of record in place of [redacted]. b7C

On March 10, 1954, on motion of the plaintiff and cross defendant [redacted] the action was dismissed and each party was instructed to bear his own costs.

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ABRAHAM KAHN

4. ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN, Wa. CALIF.

On January 22, 1958, [redacted] U. S. Probation Officer, San Diego, California, advised that KAHN was originally placed on probation in U. S. District Court at Los Angeles, California, by U. S. District Judge JAMES M. CARTER, when KAHN was sentenced on income tax charges. His probation was revoked in 1957. The principal U. S. Probation files are in the Office of the U. S. Probation Officer at Los Angeles, were some samples of KAHN's handwriting should be available. One report form bearing a small amount of handwriting was furnished by Mr. KNOX. b7C

F.B.I. NO.-787113

Mr. KNOX informed that according to the records available to him in San Diego, KAHN became involved in some litigation with OPA in December, 1943, when that agency started civil action to restrain Sel-Rite, with which KAHN was connected, from selling liquor above the maximum price allowed.

Mr. KNOX informed that the Internal Revenue Department became interested in income tax records of KAHN and an investigation was instituted in 1947 involving income tax records for the years 1943 to 1945, case culminating with court action in 1952 when KAHN entered a plea of nolo contendere to one count of an indictment. Details regarding this, he stated, could be found in records of U. S. District Court, file # 19948, San Diego.

KNOX informed that the tax involved had not been paid as of September, 1956, and that tax liens were filed in San Diego County, June 22, 1952, against KAHN and his estranged wife, [redacted] A copy of this lien shows that tax penalties and interest to date of June 17, 1955, amounted to $108,385.80. His records show further that during the period the Internal Revenue investigation was in progress, KAHN allegedly gave away assets valued at more than $89,000. b7C

On February 21, 1958, records of the U. S. District Court Clerk, as made available by Deputy Clerk ELMER ENSTROM, under Docket # 19948, San Diego, reflect that on September 5, 1951, an indictment was filed, charging ABRAHAM KAHN with violation of Title 26, Section

145 (b), Internal Revenue Code - Evasion of Income Tax. This indictment was in four counts, the first charging KAHN with having filed a false and fraudulent income tax return for the calendar year 1944. In this return he listed his net income as $12,309.53 with amount of tax due as $3,689.91, whereas his net income actually was $45,009.08 with tax due in the amount of $24,191.81. Count two charged KAHN with causing his wife [redacted] to file a similar return. Count three charged KAHN with filing a false and fraudulent income tax return for the calendar year 1945 showing his net income to be $10,189.98 with tax in the amount of $2,825.29, whereas his actual income should have been $29,146.12 with tax of $13,239.97. Count four charged him with causing his wife [redacted] to file a similar false return. b7C

KAHN's legal consul in this matter was [redacted] 417 South Hill Street, Los Angeles, California.

On March 14, 1952, KAHN entered a plea of not guilty and was released after property bond was submitted by [redacted] 4265 - 35th Street, and [redacted] 4180 Palisades Road, San Diego. b7C

In a bill of particulars filed in behalf of the Government, plaintiff, the gross income for ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN and wife [redacted] for the calendar year 1944 was listed as $132,916.85 and for the calendar year 1945 at $73,473.85. His deposits at the U. S. National Bank, San Diego, were used as a partial basis for this computation. The Government alleged that "defendant kept records in a manner to conceal amounts and sources of income" and amongst other things failed to show a sum of $31,550.00 derived from the sale of the Sel-Rite Liquor Store. b7C

These records show that on November 13, 1952, KAHN withdrew his plea of not guilty to count three of the indictment, mentioned previously, and entered a plea of nolo contendere. On December 5, 1952, in U. S. District Court, Los Angeles, the Honorable JAMES M. CARTER, U. S. District Judge, sentenced KAHN to imprisonment for one year and one day and to pay a fine of $5,000, the defendant to stand committed until fine was paid. The sentence of imprisonment was suspended with KAHN placed on

probation for a period of three years on condition he pay the fine. Counts one, two and four were dismissed.

On November 9, 1956, a request for revocation of probation was filed in U. S. District Court in Los Angeles by the U. S. Probation Officer, since KAHN had been convicted on October 1, 1956, in U. S. District Court at Los Angeles, Docket # 24572 CD, for failure to pay occupational and excise taxes on wages in violation of IRC (1939), Sections 2707 (b), 3285, 3287, 3290 and 3294 (c). This request alleged that offenses for which KAHN had been convicted occurred during the period July 1, 1953, through June 30, 1954, which was during the probation period in case with Docket # 19948 SD.

On January 15, 1957, KAHN's probation was revoked and he was sentenced to imprisonment by U. S. District Judge JAMES M. CARTER at San Diego to serve eight weekends in jail, each weekend's imprisonment being from six P.M. on Friday to six P.M. on Sunday, beginning February 1, 1957. It was recommended that this imprisonment be at the San Diego County Jail and that KAHN be afforded appropriate medical attention and food in view of his diabetic condition.

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5. [redacted] Was. b7C

The only arrest reflected on [redacted] b7C FBI record is arrest by the San Diego County Sheriff's Office on October 19, 1945, for possession of brass knuckles. He was released on October 20, 1945, after posting a cash bond of $500. No disposition for this arrest is shown in San Diego County Sheriff's Office records.

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The Army service records on file at the Department of Defense, Military Personnel Record Center, St. Louis, Missouri, contained the following information relating to [redacted] ASN b7C [redacted]

[redacted] was inducted into the U. S. Army on [redacted] and entered on active duty on [redacted] at Fort Custer, Michigan. He was honorably discharged on [redacted] as a Private b7C at Camp Robinson, Arkansas, by reason of Certificate of Disability for Discharge due to "psychoneurosis, mixed, obsessive and compulsive features, severe. Totally incapacitated for military duty due to being unable to perform drills, marches and other duties required." He served in the inactive Enlisted Reserve Corps from January 21, 1943, to January 27, 1943. There is no additional reserve service reflected in his record. He had no foreign service and was not issued any medals, citations or decorations. He was convicted by a Special Court-Martial on June 1, 1943, for failure to obey a lawful order from his superior officer. He was sentenced to be confined at hard labor for three months and to forfeit $18.66 of his pay for six months. The unexecuted portion of his sentence was remitted upon his discharge.

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On January 27, 1958, the San Francisco Office advised that on January 22, 1958, [redacted] Senior Modus Operandi Technician, California State Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Sacramento, California, furnished the following information regarding MIRABILE to SA [redacted]

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MIRABILE's arrest record under CII # 93543, shows no other information than reflected in report of SA WILLIAM S. FIELDS dated January 9, 1958, at San Diego. On December 21, 1956, MIRABILE was fingerprinted by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, 1405 Fifth Avenue, San Diego, under number 16139 as TONY MIRABILE. He was described as age 62, born January 1894, Alcomo, Italy, 6', 185 pounds, gray hair, brown eyes, American, naturalized 1920 at Detroit, Michigan. He signed the fingerprint card as TONY MIRABILE, 101 West "F" Street, San Diego, and his occupation was given as "P license partner - [redacted]

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Information furnished to CII by the Los Angeles Police Department on October 26, 1956, for law enforcement intelligence unit file # 236, reflected at that time MIRABILE resided at 536 Maple Street, San Diego. The Los Angeles Police Department also advised that MIRABILE had the following associates: NICK LICATA, the [redacted] family, the [redacted] family, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, [redacted] and "many more well-known Italian hoods". The Los Angeles Police Department also noted that MIRABILE owned approximately 40 liquor licenses and three hotels; had never married and frequented Tijuana, Mexico. It was further pointed out by the Los Angeles Police Department that the subject was considered to be the number one man in the Mafia in the San Diego area; was known to have financial interests in excess of $1,000,000; that he financed Italian hoods and was arrested for violation of Internal Revenue liquor laws.

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The San Diego Police Department on August 31, 1956, advised CII that MIRABILE was an ex-member of "The Purple Gang" and an ex-Detroit Mafia leader.

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The CII files also contained a copy of Los Angeles Police Department intelligence record book # 49-B,

bearing no date, which reflected that MIRABILE was known to hang out at the Rainbow Gardens, 409 "F" Street; the Senator Cafe and the Bernardo Winery, all believed to be in the San Diego area. This intelligence book listed his address as the Palomar Apartments, 536 Maple, San Diego, and gave his unlisted phone number as F-3461. It stated that his associates in addition to those previously named, were [redacted] and MOMO ADAMO. Under miscellaneous information, the Los Angeles Police Department stated that MIRABILE operated the Rainbow Gardens, Senator Cafe, Barbet, and controlled in excess of 40 liquor licenses and also owned three hotels and the Bernardo Winery. It stated that MIRABILE was the local counterpart of JACK DRAGNA. It was also noted that he was known as the number one of the Mafia in the border area. It was pointed out that MIRABILE had his financial interest encumbered at that time by the Treasury Department and had "jeopardy assessment" in excess of $1,000,000, pointing out, however, that this did not include joint interests he had locally and in the East. b7C

By letter dated June 16, 1955, the U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, San Francisco, California, requested CII to furnish the criminal history on ANTHONY MIRABILE, CII # 93543. The same was furnished to Immigration and Naturalization Service on June 20, 1955.

The CII files contained a copy of a state teletype dated November 20, 1952, from the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, requesting records for the following: TONY MIRABILE, FBI # 908635; [redacted] FBI [redacted] FBI [redacted] FBI [redacted] FRANK BOMPENSIERO, FBI [redacted] FBI [redacted] VICTOR PIPPITON, FBI # 254587; and [redacted] Los Angeles Sheriff's Office # 96762. By letter dated November 21, 1952, CII mailed records on each to the San Diego County Sheriff's Office. b7C

7. [redacted] Was.

On January 22, 1958, San Diego Confidential Informant [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] that the activities of [redacted] have been limited since the Federal District Attorney in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, began an intensive drive against narcotics peddlers. [redacted] also advised that [redacted] recently named Chief of Narcotics Agents in Tijuana, was following [redacted] very closely and for this reason, it was the informant's belief that [redacted] would not be taking any chances.

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Other reliable sources in Tijuana have advised that there has been little or no activity on the part of [redacted] recently. They attribute this inactivity to arrests of narcotics dealers in Tijuana by Tijuana authorities.

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[redacted] (NA), Investigator, San Diego County District Attorney's Office, advised on March 4, 1958, that [redacted] who is currently incarcerated in Chino Prison for bookmaking conviction in San Diego County, will not be eligible to appear before the Prison Parole Board until July, 1959. The Classification Department at the prison set a minimum term of two years for [redacted]

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B. BOOKMAKING

On January 25, 1958, Lieutenant [redacted] Gardena, California, Police Department, was contacted concerning [redacted] by SA [redacted] Los Angeles. [redacted] advised that he has seen [redacted] in Gardena on many occasions since his first contact in January, 1955. He advised that [redacted] is a good friend of [redacted] and is usually seen with [redacted] when in Gardena. He advised that [redacted] is probably the money and "brains" behind the bookmaking activity in the South Los Angeles County area, and [redacted] is convinced that [redacted] is working for [redacted] in this business. b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] also is a close friend of one [redacted] who is also from San Diego and who also works for [redacted] advised that on September 10, 1955, [redacted] was arrested in Gardena by the Vice Detail, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Office, for bookmaking, but he does not know the disposition of this arrest. b7C

[redacted] advised that [redacted] is a close friend of [redacted] of San Diego, and that [redacted] and [redacted] also know both men and work both Los Angeles and San Diego for either [redacted] also stated that a San Diego attorney named [redacted] (phonetic) represents most of the San Diego hoodlums in their troubles with the law, and it is known that [redacted] has gone the bail for many San Diego thugs that get arrested. [redacted] advised that he has had considerable dealings with a Sergeant [redacted] San Diego Police Department, who is well acquainted with [redacted] and would have more information concerning their activities. b7C

[redacted] advised that during recent visits to Gardena, [redacted] has stayed with [redacted] who still is around the Gardena area, but whose residence is unknown. Both men have been seen with [redacted] and it is believed that they are in the bookmaking business, but no reliable information is available to date. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is spending a lot of time in Las Vegas, Nevada, b7C

and is difficult to locate. [redacted] advised against interviewing [redacted] as he stated he knew [redacted] well, and can obtain the information without direct contact by the FBI. [redacted] advised that [redacted] is very close to MICKEY COHEN and [redacted] Los Angeles hoodlums [redacted] advised he would make discreet inquiries of [redacted] and other sources of his regarding [redacted] and then advise SA [redacted]. b7C

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The arrest record for [redacted] reflects arrest on February 24, 1938, by the Los Angeles Police Department on a bookmaking charge. Disposition of said arrest shows sentence of three months in the County Jail suspended, placed on two years probation, $100 fine on May 17, 1938. The San Diego Office has received no information indicating that [redacted] has recently been or is currently engaged in bookmaking activities. b7C

The records of [redacted] San Diego, as made available by [redacted] reflect that in [redacted] at Los Angeles that he had [redacted] b7C b7D

On February 21, 1958, [redacted] advised that he has no recent specific information on any bookmaking activities on the part of KAHN, but that he has been known to have accepted large bets in the past and it is his belief that KAHN at the present time would accept bets of some size from trusted individuals. He stated KAHN would not have been convicted of Federal violation relative to bookmaking activities had he had his own way and that the conviction actually came because KAHN accepted the decision of his [redacted] relative to that matter. [redacted] related that [redacted] had been accepting bets on a certain horse from a fisherman by the name of [redacted] This activity was on behalf of [redacted] ABE, who was acting as "banker". On a given date some misunderstanding arose over a bet and ABE KAHN was in favor of paying the fisherman, [redacted] the $9,000, however, the [redacted] was not in favor of paying [redacted] and the result was that [redacted] became irate and allegedly reported the matter to authorities with the result that KAHN was eventually convicted. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] related to SA [redacted] on March 17, 1958, that KAHN was "almost broke" at the end of World War II, partly as a result of black market activities. His [redacted] came out of the Army with a bank roll obtained through gambling and turned it over to his father. His father then started to invest in liquor stores, starting his "financial ascendancy". ABE KAHN did not engage in any bookmaking activities until about 1948 when he started to take some "big stuff", often $2,000 or more, as "lay-off" money from [redacted]

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[redacted] states that [redacted] has operated primarily as a "commission house", accepting large bets from any part of the country at a fee of 2.5% and "laying-off" bets, receiving another 2.5% from the individual taking the play. He states that [redacted] has operated to a great degree through Western Union, transporting money through this medium.

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As previously reported, [redacted] was reputedly one of the heads of a bookmaking operation in San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. Since he moved to San Diego about two years ago, the San Diego Office has received no information indicating that he is still engaged in such activities. However, toll calls charged to [redacted] phone in San Diego reflect numerous calls during August to December, 1957, to the San Bernardino and Riverside area, indicating the possibility that [redacted] may be still engaged in bookmaking or some other form of illegal activity.

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On January 31, 1958, [redacted] advised that he is acquainted with [redacted]. He stated that some time in the recent past [redacted] is reported to have gone to Detroit or New York to learn a new method of handling bookmaking calls. Upon his return, he allegedly set up a bookmaking operation in San Diego with TONY MIRABILE. Some sort of telephone arrangement has been made, where an open line leads to a secluded room. When a call is made, the telephone does not ring, but a feather vibrates, at which time the operator picks up the phone, takes the bets and marks them on a large refrigerator door. After the race is run, the bets are rubbed off the refrigerator door, and no paper entries or records are kept.

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In this operation, it is alleged that an open line is maintained between San Diego and the Caliente Race Track near Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. It is alleged that a telephone employee with 20 years of service set up the operation and is paid $100 per month by [redacted] The open line is used in order that no record of toll calls can be obtained by investigators. It was also alleged that either an open line or a leased line was maintained to Las Vegas, Nevada, in relation to this operation. b7C

[redacted] was of the opinion that the telephone company was not aware of the operation and was not being properly paid for the use of the "open line". [redacted] is attempting to obtain details of this operation. b2 b7D

On February 20, 1958, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he observed [redacted] in Tijuana in a vehicle which was afterwards identified through the license number as being registered to the mother of [redacted] is wife of San Diego top hoodlum [redacted] In past San Diego County bookmaking operations, according to District Attorney Investigator [redacted] she has used said vehicle, which is registered in her mother's name. [redacted] is associated with his brother, [redacted] in operation of Coronet Bar and Restaurant, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, a hangout for wealthy Mexicans, Los Angeles and Hollywood, California, call girls and movie actresses. Investigator [redacted] stated that he had received information that [redacted] was making daily trips to Tijuana and is of the opinion that she is handling some of the bookmaking business previously engaged in by her incarcerated husband. [redacted] is currently on probation for bookmaking violation in San Diego County. b2 b7C b7D

C. FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

On January 22, 1958, [redacted] of the San Diego Police Department, who has been the contact officer between the San Diego Police Department and Mexican authorities in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, made available a confidential report made by him on March 31, 1950, which is set forth below: b7C

> [redacted] Room 306 Empress Hotel, San Diego, was interviewed on March 29, 1950 and stated that during December 1949 she was working at the Kelly's Cafe, 1,000 block 3rd Avenue, San Diego. The cafe is owned and operated by two brothers, named [redacted] both of whom are Italians. [redacted] was approached by [redacted] who suggested to her that, if she were willing to go to Tijuana, Mexico, and there marry an Italian person to enable this Italian to gain entry into the United States, it would be worth some money to her; possibly as much as $250.00. [redacted] agreed to this suggestion. b7C
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> "On the 15th of December 1949 [redacted] accompanied [redacted] to Tijuana, Mexico. They went to the Ceasar's Hotel where she was to meet her husband-to-be. Upon their arrival at the hotel they joined the bridegroom, whose name is [redacted] and FRANK BOMPENSIERO. After a few drinks at the hotel the party proceeded to an attorney's office where the marriage was performed. ** They then went to the Tijuana hotel (1012 Revolucion) where they had several more drinks. The bride returned to San Diego the same night with [redacted] She advised [redacted] upon her return to San Diego that she did not want any money, that all she wanted was a divorce. b7C
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> ** (the marriage was subsequently recorded at Villa Tlaquiltenango, Morelos, Mexico, on the 15th day of December 1949)

"In January 1950 [redacted] again accompanied [redacted] to Tijuana to the office of the attorney who had originally married her and the necessary papers for a divorce were made out. [redacted] paid the attorney $80.00 for this divorce, which was later mailed to [redacted] in San Diego. b7C

"During the past week or ten days [redacted] received through the mail some sort of an affidavit or statement which she was to sign and return to a San Ysidro attorney, whose name she cannot recall. She does not recall the wording of the affidavit, but believes it set forth her marriage and subsequent divorce. She took this affidavit to [redacted] and inquired of him what she should do about it. [redacted] advised her to discuss it with FRANK BOMPENSIERO. When she did so FRANK advised her to destroy the affidavits, so she returned them to [redacted] and he advised her that they would be destroyed. b7C

"According to information furnished [redacted] was born in [redacted] b7C

U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Investigator [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on March 12, 1958, that he suspects that [redacted] has been involved in other such marriage cases designed to facilitate the entry of Italian citizens into the United States. He could cite no specific instances. [redacted] is known to be friendly with [redacted] Assistant Mexican Immigration Officer-in-Charge, Tijuana, who, according to reliable sources, has assisted Italians in obtaining the necessary documents to reside in Mexico, has sheltered said Italians and furnished them assistance in preparation for and entry into the United States. b7C

D. LIQUOR CONTROL

Records of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Sacramento, California, were reviewed on January 17, 1958, by SA [redacted] These records reflect that FRANK BOMPENSIERO had been convicted in Superior Court, San Diego County, of conspiracy to violate the California Penal Code, to-wit, asking and receiving bribes to influence public officers, and a prior conviction, which he admitted, of violating the National Prohibition Act, for which he served a term in U. S. Penitentiary Mc Neil Island, Washington. The Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control filed a complaint to revoke the onsale liquor license held by BOMPENSIERO for a tavern in San Diego. His partners in this tavern were [redacted] and San Diego top hoodlum [redacted] BOMPENSIERO was represented in this action before the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control by FRANK DESIMONE, National top hoodlum.

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By letter dated February 21, 1958, the San Francisco Division furnished a copy of a letter from Captain [redacted] Commander, Intelligence Division, Los Angeles Police Department, to [redacted] Superintendent, Guidance Center, California Institution for Men, Chino, California, dated August 11, 1955, relating to FRANK BOMPENSIERO, partner of the [redacted] brothers, [redacted] in the above bar. This letter states in part as follows:

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> ....."In 1945 a meeting was held in San Diego concerning the purchase and financing of the Gold Rail Bar. It is reported that those present at the meeting were [redacted] TONY MIRABILE, JACK DRAGNA, [redacted] Due to BOMPENSIERO's being involved in a felony case at that time, it is our understanding he was unable to obtain a liquor license. This report also states that TONY MIRABILE gave $40,000 to an unknown person at the meeting, and later JACK DRAGNA turned over $40,000 to escrow for the purchase of the Gold Rail Bar, and in 1946 the liquor license was issued in the name of [redacted] of JACK DRAGNA), FRANK BOMPENSIERO, and [redacted] of JACK DRAGNA)".....

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In 1951 [redacted] an agent of the Internal Revenue Service, advised SA [redacted] that during investigation of BOMPENSIERO's income tax return for 1946, he ascertained that TONY MIRABILE was alleged to have advanced $29,000 through the name of BOMPENSIERO to purchase the stock and lease for the premises of the Gold Rail Bar for FRANK BOMPENSIERO, [redacted] and [redacted]

E. NARCOTICS

On January 22, 1958, Sergeant [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised that his office had received a report on May 1, 1956, from a confidential source that ten ounces of heroin, which had been smuggled into this country, was to be delivered to an unknown individual by [redacted] and [redacted] on that evening at Stan's Drive-In, Lemon Grove, California. Later, that informant advised that the "deal" had been called off. But on May 3, 1956, this source again advised that narcotics, which had allegedly been flown from the interior of Mexico to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, by [redacted] (San Diego County Sheriff's Office # 129020) and which had been smuggled into the United States by some unknown individual, was to be delivered to [redacted] at the Piggly Wiggly Market in Lemon Grove. Arrangements were made for a $2,500 "buy". This delivery area was covered by the Sheriff's Office, but no delivery of the large amount of heroin was made, and this was later confirmed by the source. This source did state, however, that delivery of a "couple of bindles" of marijuana were transferred at that time from a street sweeper to [redacted]

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] and [redacted] had been involved in some mining activities in Arizona, and that [redacted] was seen often in [redacted] car, which bore California license [redacted] [redacted] informed that [redacted] was reported to be worried at the time of [redacted] arrest on smuggling charges, and that he checked frequently with [redacted] Bail Bondsman.

[redacted] informed that at about this time, [redacted] came into see officers in a nonchalant manner to indicate that he was not involved in any illegal activity and dropped the remark that he was not like his brother [redacted] At that time, he said he was living in Bakersfield, California. [redacted] stated that he has not received any subsequent information indicating illegal activities on the part of [redacted] or indicating that he is in the San Diego area. He informed that he would contact the aforementioned source to determine whether

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that source would be agreeable with furnishing information directly to this office.

[redacted] San Diego, has informed SA [redacted] that [redacted] and his [redacted] are friends of [redacted] and her mother, [redacted] in the Los Angeles Office. [redacted] was recently involved in a bank robbery in the Los Angeles, California, area, and is reported to be in custody in that city. [redacted] young daughter is reportedly being cared for by [redacted] mother, [redacted] somewhere in the Los Angeles area. The [redacted] are reported to have furnished narcotics to the [redacted] in the past. It is to be noted that [redacted] has been incarcerated on narcotics charges and has been serving sentence at the San Quentin State Penitentiary. b7C

On February 14, 1958, the Newark Office advised that on January 13, 1958, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had known [redacted] since 1936 or 1937 and that he met [redacted] through [redacted] formerly of New York City, who now resides in San Diego, California. [redacted] said that [redacted] Wa [redacted] and [redacted] were partners at one time in the alcohol and narcotics racket, and that [redacted] is still on a very friendly basis with [redacted] stated [redacted] visits [redacted] on each occasion he comes to the New Jersey area. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] is presently in Sicily or Italy, and there is presently a warrant for his arrest as a bail jumper in connection with a narcotics case in New York State.

On January 7, 1958, [redacted] New Jersey Law Enforcement Council, Raymond Boulevard, Newark, New Jersey, advised that [redacted] had no record at that agency prior to the newspaper publicity of the meeting at Appalacian on November 14, 1957. He advised the Law Enforcement Council had no information as to the associates or criminal activities of [redacted] advised one of the corporators of the Airport Motel, Inc., was [redacted] Bay Avenue, Newark. He stated it was the intention of the Law Enforcement Council (if b7C

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not dissolved) to determine if [redacted] was identical with [redacted] Brooklyn, New York, who was in attendance at captioned alleged meeting. b7C

On February 5, 1958, Captain [redacted] Investigation Division, Newark Police Department, advised his division had no information on [redacted] other than the arrest by the Newark police on November 9, 1955, which has previously been reported. Captain [redacted] had no knowledge of [redacted] associates or criminal activities.

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[redacted] is top hoodlum, Phoenix Division, who attended the Appalachian meeting. He is currently being sought pursuant to Grand Jury subpoena, New York.

On February 12, 1958, the St. Louis Office advised concerning the arrests in New York City by the Federal Bureau of Narcotics of several narcotics dealers reportedly associated with St. Louis top hoodlum [redacted] [redacted] One of the narcotics dealers arrested was [redacted] of New York City. In a search of his apartment following the arrest, among other papers, was located a business card of [redacted] Business Representative, Cullinary Alliance Service, Employees Union, Local 402, AFL, 1020 Eighth Street, San Diego, California. [redacted] is [redacted] of San Diego top hoodlum [redacted] The San Diego Office has received no prior information indicating that [redacted] is engaged in narcotics activities or associated with narcotics traffickers. b7C

Relative to [redacted] information in the files of the San Diego Division reveal that SALVATORE VITALE, FBI # 1209612, is the husband of [redacted] Nee [redacted] VITALE was illegally in the United States and was deported, but suddenly re-appeared in Los Angeles, California, where he was taken into custody. He was placed under an immigration bond put up by the [redacted] family. However, he was allowed to make certain trips within the United States with the consent of the immigration authorities. b7C

SALVATORE VITALE reportedly sold pure heroin worth $60,000 to $80,000 in Detroit through [redacted] but received only payment of $20,000 for this narcotics. He reportedly attempted to obtain additional money and was last heard from during the first week of May, 1956.

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[redacted] Investigator, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Border Patrol, Chula Vista, California, advised that the [redacted] put out information to the effect that SALVATORE VITALE had been killed when he had attempted to collect the above narcotics debt in Detroit. The immigration bond put up for VITALE by the [redacted] was confiscated by the U. S. Government.

The Detroit Division has advised that an informant of their office furnished information that [redacted] was arrested by the police of Rome, Italy, at which time they seized documentary evidence, among which was a letter from [redacted] of Detroit, Michigan, to SALVATORE VITALE. This letter indicated that SALVATORE VITALE, in Italy, and others were in a conspiracy with [redacted] and [redacted] (a known narcotics handler) in the smuggling of aliens and narcotics into the United States. This source furnished further information that a U. S. Narcotics Officer in Rome, Italy, had been told by one [redacted] who had married SALVATORE VITALE's [redacted] that [redacted] was attempting to re-enter the United States and his passport was being held up, apparently because of his relation to SALVATORE VITALE, a known narcotics handler.

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[redacted] has reportedly recently been interviewed in Tijuana, Mexico, by Federal Bureau of Narcotics Agents and consideration is possibly being given by said agents to utilize him as an informant.

[redacted] Investigator, U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised SA [redacted] that [redacted] married a relative of [redacted] in Italy about three years ago. [redacted] his wife, and [redacted] left Italy by plane. [redacted] debarked in New York City, reportedly with a load of

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heroin, and [redacted] wife proceeded to Mexico, from where they subsequently entered the United States. b7C

[redacted] is alleged by a Federal Bureau of Narcotics Agent in Rome to have made the statement that FRANK DESIMONE took over as head of the Mafia on the West Coast of the United States following the death of JACK DRAGNA in 1956. b7C

Information that [redacted] is currently inactive in his narcotics dealings is set out previously in this report. b7C

F. PROSTITUTION

On January 17, 1958, [redacted] of the parking lot at 837 Third Avenue, San Diego, and bouncer at the Hollywood Burlesque Theater nearby, advised SA [redacted] that he had observed [redacted] on that date in a black Pontiac sedan, probably a 1951 model, with California license, the last digits being 47. He stated that [redacted] was reportedly in town with "girls" in connection with a Lion's Convention, the girls having been brought from Los Angeles. He advised that [redacted] formerly had had strippers at the Hollywood Theater and customarily hangs out there. [redacted] advised that he would notify this office of any further information obtained concerning [redacted] b7C

Investigation at San Diego failed to disclose information tending to verify the allegations of [redacted] b7C

On February 18, 1958, [redacted] advised that it was his opinion that [redacted] is still handling prostitutes in the San Bernardino-Bakersfield, California, areas, although he has not been in Tijuana with [redacted] recently. b2 b7C b7D

On February 18, 1958, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] Los Angeles, that about two months previous, he observed [redacted] in the Laurelite Bar in Los Angeles. [redacted] furnished no information concerning [redacted] activities. b2 b7C b7D

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G. TAX EVASION

Frank Bompensiero

On February 6, 1958, [redacted] a representative of another government agency that conducts civil and criminal investigations, advised SA [redacted] Los Angeles that investigation conducted by his agency revealed that FRANK BOMPENSIERO was suspected of being a leader in the Mafia and was suspected of associating with such underworld characters as JACK I. DRAGNA, deceased. [redacted] noted BOMPENSIERO was convicted of bribery and conspiracy to bribe by a jury in the Superior Court of California at San Diego, and sentenced to serve a one to fourteen year sentence at San Quentin Penitentiary. Informant noted that according to investigation conducted by his agency, BOMPENSIERO contended he did receive $5,000.00 from [redacted] as payment for a liquor license, but that he delivered the $5,000.00 to LEONARD WILSON, an attorney and Hearing Officer for the California Board of Equalization. Further, that he collected the $5,000.00 from [redacted] at the request of and as a favor for [redacted] who, at that time, was Supervisor of the California State Alcohol Beverage Control Board for Imperial Valley, California. Informant noted LEONARD WILSON shot and killed himself shortly after the liquor license investigation was commenced by the Attorney General of California.

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[redacted] observed the $5,000.00 could not be traced into BOMPENSIERO's bank account or into any of his assets. It was declared that if BOMPENSIERO was only the "errand boy" and turned the money over to LEONARD WILSON, that he, BOMPENSIERO, could not be taxed for funds. No evidence was developed that BOMPENSIERO received a cut of the money, according to informant, and it was concluded that BOMPENSIERO would not be subject to criminal proceedings in this matter by [redacted] Attorney for the Internal Revenue Service at San Francisco, in an opinion handed down October 4, 1957.

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The informant stated his records disclose that BOMPENSIERO has been represented by lawyers associated with the firm of Augustine, Bryans and Ragen, attorneys at law, with offices in Suite 216-224 Orpheum Theater Building, San Diego, and by FRANK DESIMONE (a top hoodlum of the Los Angeles Division).

[redacted] advised a pending criminal case is maintained by the Internal Revenue Service of the United States Treasury Department and will, in all probability, be settled on a civil basis in the near future. Informant noted the Internal Revenue Service maintains a pending case against BOMPENSIERO in that he had a tax deficiency totaling $2,869.50, which is based on income tax owed in the amount of $1,913.00, plus penalties totaling $956.00.

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On January 22, 1958, [redacted] United States Probation Officer, San Diego, advised SA [redacted] that the Internal Revenue Department became interested in income tax records of KAHN and an investigation was instituted in 1947 involving income tax records for the years 1943 to 1945, case culminating with court action in 1952 when KAHN entered a plea of nolo contendere to one count of an indictment. Details regarding this, he stated, could be found in records of United States District Court file number 19948, San Diego.

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KNOX informed that the tax involved had not been paid as of September, 1956 and that tax liens were filed in San Diego County June 22, 1952 against KAHN and his estranged wife [redacted] A copy of this lien shows that tax penalties and interest to date of June 17, 1955 amounted to $108,385.80. His records show further that during the period the Internal Revenue investigation was in progress KAHN allegedly gave away assets valued at more than $89,000.00.

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On February 21, 1958, records of the United States District Court Clerk as made available by Deputy Clerk [redacted] under docket number 19948 SD reflect that on September 5, 1951, an indictment was filed charging ABRAHAM KAHN with violation of Title 26, Section 145 (b); Internal Revenue Code - Evasion of Income Tax. This indictment was in four counts, the first charging KAHN with having filed a false and fraudulent income tax return for the calendar year 1944. In this return he listed his net income as $12,309.53 with amount of tax due as $3,689.91, whereas his net income actually was $45,009.08 with tax due in the amount of $24,191.81.

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b7C Count two charged KAHN with causing his wife [redacted] to file a similar return. Count three charged KAHN with filing a false and fraudulent income tax return for the calendar year 1945 showing his net income to be $10,189.98 with tax in the amount of $2,825.29, whereas his actual net income should have been $29,146.12 with tax of $13,239.97. Count four charged him with causing his wife FANNIE to file a similar false return.

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b7C On January 14, 1958, [redacted] Record Clerk, Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, made available file pertaining to [redacted] was. These records reflect that [redacted] stated in 1928 that he had had no steady employment during the prior 20 years but had managed to remain clear of the relief rolls due to his wife's employment as a seamtress and income from a small dress shop in New York City.

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The file further reflects that [redacted] and his [redacted] were sentenced to serve six months in the Federal Correctional Institution, Danbury, Connecticut, on charges of conspiracy to avoid payment of liquor taxes.

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Files of the San Diego Police Department, made available to SA [redacted] by Sergeant [redacted] on February 6, 1958, contain a newspaper article from the San Diego Union, date not given, which reflects the following:

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> "Federal income tax liens totaling $312,366 today were filed with the County Recorder by the U. S. Bureau of Internal Revenue against TONY MIRABILE, owner of three taverns.
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> "By its action the Bureau claims, in effect, that it is assessing MIRABILE the amount of the lien on grounds he owes that much in addition to tax returns he filed. Filing of the lien ties up MIRABILE's property until he and the Bureau agree on his tax return.

"The lien was filed by WILLIAM Y. LOCH, Bureau Division Chief in San Diego, who acts for R. A. RIDDELL, District Collector of Internal Revenue.

"The lien lists the years and amounts involved as 1942, $74,409; 1945, $104,575; 1946, $16,184, and 1947, $117,196.

"MIRABILE, with offices at 409 "F" Street, owns Barbet's, the Senator, and Rainbow Gardens."

On January 6, 1958, [redacted] Agent in Charge of the Intelligence Unit, U. S. Treasury Department, San Diego, advised that a tax lien in the amount of $312,336 was filed against MIRABILE on April 4, 1952 and that this lien involved taxes due the Government for the years 1942, 1945, 1946, and 1947.

According to [redacted] this lien was settled by MIRABILE some time in 1954 for approximately $20,000. It was stated by [redacted] that he had no knowledge of how this settlement was reached and that the settlement was made by the Appellate Division of the Regional Office of Internal Revenue, Los Angeles, California. It was further indicated by [redacted] that his office was unhappy over the low settlement made by MIRABILE, but stated that his Division had no say-so in arriving at the figure which was assessed MIRABILE under this settlement. b7C

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H. MAFIA - ORGANIZED CRIME

Antonino Mirabile

The Los Angeles Office advised on March 13, 1958 that on August 16, 1951 [redacted] furnished information which disclosed, in brief, that the Mafia as it exists in the United States is known as a "syndicate", "The Syndicate" is also known as "The Association", "a combination", "The Combo", "The Outfit", "The Club" or "The Boys". It is said that in the structural organization there seems to be less a corporation with branches than an association or confederation with interlocking directorates. Informant stated that in the United States there appears to be three main organizations, the first of which is the FRANK COSTELLO-[redacted] gang representing the East Coast. The second is the old AL CAPONE-ANTHONY [redacted] gang of Chicago and Kansas City; whereas the third is the Detroit-Cleveland gang. [redacted] disclosed that insofar as the Los Angeles area is concerned, the individual in charge is believed to be [redacted] a top hoodlum of the Los Angeles Division), who attempts to remain in the background. The local front-man for the Southern California area was believed to be JACK DRAGNA, deceased, who was in active charge of the operations according to information furnished by the informant in 1951.

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b2 [redacted] stated that insofar as San Diego is concerned, TONY MIRABILE is reported to be the individual in charge. MIRABILE has been identified as being associated with the Gold Rail bar in San Diego and as a partner of JACK I. DRAGNA, deceased, in the operations of prostitution, bookmaking and narcotics. The informant identified FRANK BOMPENSIERO as being a partner of MIRABILE in the operation of several bars located in San Diego which the informant did not identify.

Information furnished to CII by the Los Angeles, California Police Department on October 26, 1956, for law enforcement intelligence unit file number 236, reflected at that time MIRABILE resided at 536 Maple Street, San Diego. The Los Angeles Police Department also advised that MIRABILE

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had the following associates: NICK LICATA, the [redacted] family, the [redacted] family, FRANK BOMPENSIERO, [redacted] and "many more well-known Italian hoods." The Los Angeles Police Department also noted that MIRABILE owned approximately 40 liquor licenses and three hotels; had never married and frequented Tijuana, Mexico. It was further pointed out by the Los Angeles Police Department that the MIRABILE was considered to be the number one man in the Mafia in the San Diego area; was known to have financial interests in excess of $1,000,000; that he financed Italian hoods and was arrested for violation of Internal Revenue liquor laws.

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The San Diego police Department on August 31, 1956 advised CII that MIRABILE was an ex-member of "The Purple Gang" and an ex-Detroit Mafia leader.

The CII files also contained a copy of Los Angeles Police Department intelligence record book number 49-B, bearing no date, which reflected that MIRABILE was known to hang out at the Rainbow Gardens, 409 "F" Street; the Senator Cafe and the Bernardo Winery, all believed to be in the San Diego area. This intelligence book listed his address as the Palomar Apartments, 536 Maple, San Diego and gave his unlisted phone number as F-3461. It stated that his associates in addition to those previously named, were [redacted] and MOMO ADAMO. Under miscellaneous information the Los Angeles Police Department stated that MIRABILE operated the Rainbow Gardens, Senator Cafe, Barbet and controlled in excess of 40 liquor licenses and also owned three hotels and the Bernardo Winery. It stated that MIRABILE was the local counterpart of JACK DRAGNA. It was also noted that he was known as the number one of the Mafia in the border area. It was pointed out that MIRABILE had his financial interest encumbered at that time by the Treasury Department and had "jeopardy assessment" in excess of $1,000,000, pointing out, however, that this did not include joint interests he had locally and in the East.

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On March 17, 1958, [redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised SA [redacted] from his

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observations to date of the activities of the Sicilians in San Diego, he is of the opinion that [redacted] somewhat controls a portion of the tavern activities and juke box business in San Diego. [redacted] added that it was his impression that [redacted] is "the bad one, Mafia-wise". [redacted] did not elaborate further on said comment. b2 b7C b7D

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The Standley Commission, under the chairmanship of Admiral [redacted] published a total of four reports on different aspects of organized crime in California, from November, 1947 to July, 1950.

The following excerpt is taken from the final report of the Special Crime Study Commission on Organized Crime, published May 11, 1953 at Sacramento, California. The Oceanside Blade-Tribune, dated May 11, 1951, carried the following byline: "REPORT LINKS VITELLO BROTHERS WITH MAFIA, TRAFFIC IN NARCOTICS. Report Links Vitello with Drugs." The article, in part, reads as follows:

> "The Standley Commission had secured information that three brothers named Alfonso Vitello, Leo Philip Vitello and Arthur Vitello, who lived in Oceanside, were closely associated with the activities of the Mafia and were well acquainted with the hoodlum element not only in San Diego County but in other areas throughout the state.
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> "The Vitellos were partners in the bar business in Oceanside and evidence indicated that they were engaging in large-scale bookmaking operations in their taverns and that narcotics were being dispensed from their establishments. Al Vitello was arrested during August of 1950 for his bookmaking activities and following conviction served six months in the San Diego County Jail.

"Following his arrest for bookmaking he had his name removed from the liquor licenses which he had held jointly with his brothers. Subsequent to his release, his name was returned to the licenses issued by our State Board of Equalization as being morally qualified to operate such a business in this state.

"This commission employed two undercover operators, one a former New York police officer, to ascertain the extent of the illict narcotics trade in which the Vitellos were engaged. They quickly reported that narcotics could be purchased through employees of the taverns which were owned and operated by the Vitello brothers.

"Lt. Col Henry S. Massie provost marshal at Camp Pendleton, testified under oath before the commission that in his opinion the establishments operated by the Vitello brothers were the center of the narcotics trade in the Oceanside area; that these places dispensed liquor to minors, and that he considered the Vitello bars a detriment to the personnel of the Marine Corps base at Camp Pendleton.

"The above facts, all of which are a matter of record, have not resulted in the revocation or even suspension of the liquor licenses and conditions in Oceanside after the commission hearings remain just the same as they had been before."

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II. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES OF TOP TEN SAN DIEGO HOODLUMS

1. [redacted]

On February 10, 1958, SA [redacted] checked the records of the San Diego County Clerk and Recorder's Office without locating any businesses or property in the name of [redacted].

On January 30, 1958, the records of the County Clerk and Recorder's Office of Penial County, Arizona, were checked by SA [redacted] These records reflect the filing of a mining claim by [redacted] father. On April 4, 1956, this claim known as the Beehive Mining Claim was entered upon and located for purpose of exploration and purchase by the two [redacted] b7C

No legitimate employment for [redacted] has been located. According to [redacted] formerly engaged intermittently in fishing but his main source of income for atleast the past five years has been bookmaking, prostitution, and narcotics. This information has been partially substantiated by investigation conducted in the Los Angeles and San Diego Divisions. b2 b7C b7D

2. FRANK BOMPENSIERO

As reported previously BOMPENSIERO is currently incarcerated in California State Penitentiary. He formerly operated the Gold Rail Bar in San Diego with San Diego hoodlums FRANK PAUL DRAGNA and [redacted] now reportedly one of the kingpins in gambling in the Gardena, area of the Los Angeles Division. [redacted] and other reliable sources have advised that BOMPENSIERO was required to expend all of his financial assets during and prior to the criminal proceedings which resulted in his conviction for bribery and liquor license violations. b2 b7C b7D

3. [redacted]

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As reported above [redacted] was in business with BOMPENSIERO in the Gold Rail Bar, San Diego. On February 13, 1958, [redacted] who furnished information prepared by the Internal Revenue Service at Los Angeles dated June 15, 1955, disclosed to SA [redacted] Los Angeles that in or about the middle of 1946, the Latin Import and Export, Ltd., was incorporated with authorized capital stock in the amount of $100,000.00. [redacted] was named as Vice President and held stock worth $20,000.00. The money was paid into the corporation in six installments and each entry showed an equal amount was invested by GIROLAMO "MOMO" ADAMO, deceased, an alleged associate of JACK DRAGNA. The bulk of the cash and traceable funds originated from ADAMO, according to [redacted] The original records of the corporation were not available nor was their location then known, according to this report.

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On December 3, 1951, SA [redacted] caused the records of [redacted] Los Angeles to be reviewed for information concerning the [redacted] Los Angeles. The report disclosed that the [redacted] was described as [redacted] Los Angeles. [redacted] reported to be [redacted]

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[redacted] and other sources have advised that [redacted] inherited a large sum of money from his recently deceased [redacted] JACK I. DRAGNA, Los Angeles. As reported previously in this report the Internal Revenue Service has filed a lien on the property of JACK DRAGNA. [redacted] is named administrator of his father's estate. [redacted] is now working as a bartender for the [redacted] interestss in San Diego conveying the impression that he is broke. According to [redacted] this is merely to impress the Interal Revenue Service and to possibly induce them to arrange for a settlement of their lien.

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4. ABRAHAM JULIUS KAHN

During January, 1958, SA [redacted] San Diego, was advised by [redacted] United States Probation Officer [redacted] Special Agent, Internal Revenue Service; and [redacted] Alcohol Tax Unit, Treasury Department, all of San Diego, that they had no record of business enterprises legitimate or otherwise listed or recorded to KAHN.

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These individuals informed that the [redacted] family has extensive holdings of varied types in the San Diego area, all in the name of corporations controlled on paper by KAHN's sons and his sister [redacted]

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These individuals related that the value of property controlled by the [redacted] runs into the millions of dollars, but that ABRAHAM KAHN had divested himself on paper of his holdings due to his difficulties with the Internal Revenue Service.

According to [redacted] KAHN stated his living is currently derived from a $1,000.00 per month salary paid for services rendered by him in connection with the operation of a San Diego bar known as Bradley's Five and Ten which is owned by his sons.

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In a net worth statement on June 30, 1955, KAHN advised that his only assets consisted of his personal effect and his liabilities were undetermined. [redacted] informed that records available show that between January 1, 1948 and January, 1951, KAHN gave away assets valued at more than $89,000.00. b7C

5. [redacted]

Investigation has developed no known legitimate enterprises or income for [redacted] As previously reported, [redacted] is alleged to have been one of the kingpins in gambling operations controlled by he and several associates including [redacted] in the San Bernardino-Riverside area of California. Recent toll calls charged to his phone in San Diego reflect numerous calls to that area. b7C

6. [redacted]

[redacted] currently operates the Tropics and Kelly's Club, both consisting of bars and cafes in San Diego. He is secretary of the Southland Amusement Company, a juke box and coin operated amusement device company which has over $60,000.00 in loans from the Security First National Bank, San Diego, secured by signature of San Diego top hoodlum ANTONINO MIRABILE. [redacted] is listed as president of this company and [redacted] is vice-president. [redacted] is married to [redacted] of JACK DRAGNA and sister of San Diego top hoodlum [redacted] is associated with [redacted] in construction of $206,000.00 apartment house at 4460 Euclid Avenue, San Diego. $95,000.00 of this amount is being loaned by Security First National Bank and $95,000.00 by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company. Information concerning the assets of [redacted] was furnished by [redacted] to SA [redacted] on January 3, 1958 and to SA [redacted] on February 10 and 18, 1958. b2 b7C b7D

Relative to [redacted] on February 11, 1958, New York advised that a FNU [redacted] of [redacted] San Diego was in communication with [redacted] was., a top hoodlum in the New York Office on December 18, 1957. b7C

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7. ANTONINO MIRABILE

On January 3, 1958, [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that MIRABILE has an indirect liability of $72,000 with the Security First National Bank, 904 Fifth Avenue, San Diego. He has a savings account in the name of TONY MIRABILE with a balance of $31,779.51. He has a joint savings account in the names of TONY MIRABILE and [redacted] with a balance of $312. He has another joint savings account with [redacted] with a balance of $2,228.36. San Diego [redacted] continued that MIRABILE is a signer listed on the following commercial accounts: Senator Cafe, balance $1,196.06; also listed as a signer on the account of [redacted] There was also an account in the name of Barbet Cafe. The signer is listed as TONY MIRABILE and [redacted] care of [redacted] with a balance of $4,466.90.

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[redacted] made available a credit write-up on MIRABILE dated December 13, 1957. This report reflected that MIRABILE has stock valued at $26,000 on deposit with the bank as security against his liabilities. This stock is identified as follows:

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482	Shares of Bank of America	$15,607.16
605	Shares of Transamerican	18,906.25
27	Shares of Blair Company	84.51
40	Shares of Marshall Field Company	1,310.00
1 8/10	Shares National City Bank of New York	107.55
	TOTAL	$36,015.47

Information has previously been set forth concerning other property owned by MIRABILE including the Barbet and Senator bars and cafes, the Palomar and Balboa Apartments, the Bernardo Winery and Ranch. MIRABILE also reportedly has large amounts of money loaned to San Diego Sicilions which is not recorded. He controls several fishing boats including the Maria Luisa which is listed in his [redacted] name [redacted].

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8. [redacted]

As noted in prior section of this report no known legitimate enterprises or employment have been located for this individual.

9. [redacted]

[redacted] is one of three brothers who own and operate two bars in Oceanside, California, and are partners in Vitello Enterprises, a corporation designed to purchase and sell real estate. [redacted] Enterprises is believed to hold a lease on the Oceanside Airport and Commercial Building and a mortgage interest in a local jewelry store. [redacted] recently purchased, according to records made available by the Merchants Credit Association to SA [redacted] a cabinet shop which constructs cabinets and sells unfinished furniture. The credit report includes [redacted] statement that he earns $25,000.00 annually and has total assets of $178,000.00

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10. [redacted]

As noted above, [redacted] is currently incarcerated in California State Penitentiary following conviction on felony bookmaking charges. No legitimate enterprises have been identified in connection with [redacted] based on information to date.

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BOMPENSIERO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND WAS A SUSPECT IN AT LEAST TWO MURDERS. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

[redacted] HAS IN THE PAST SHOT AT MEXICAN POLICE OFFICERS AND IS REPORTED TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES; HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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PART TWO

Criminal activities in San Diego Division not participated in or controlled by top ten local hoodlums.

A. Political tie-ups with crime

The San Diego Office has received no information indicating any political tie-ups with crime in this division other than that set out under the caption Police Efficiency in this report.

The San Diego Division comprises the two Southern most counties in California, San Diego and Imperial Counties. This report also includes information concerning crime conditions in the areas in the state of Baja California Mexico, immediately adjacent to the International Boundary between Mexico and California.

Affecting the efficiency of law enforcement in the San Diego Division is the recent appointment of GEORGE E. BEAN as City Manager of San Diego, California. BEAN, the former City Manager of Peoria, Illinois, took over his present position in San Diego on December 9, 1957. On December 18, 1957 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that several business acquaintances of hers in San Diego had approached [redacted] in San Diego. These acquaintances allegedly told [redacted] that Vice Squad officers of the San Diego Police Department had indicated that City Manager BEAN was in favor of "opening up the town". b2 b7C b7D

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On December 27, 1957 the Springfield Office advised that Chief of Police BERNARD J. KENNEDY, Peoria, Illinois stated that BEAN was never to his knowledge involved in any pay-offs for giving permission to operate houses of prostitution, and that in all his discussions with BEAN, BEAN insisted on "a clean town". KENNEDY said that BEAN repeatedly made statements that prostitution is intolerable in good government. Other sources contacted in Springfield substantiated these statements.

Lieutenant [redacted] (NA), Training Officer, San Diego Police Department, advised that inquiries conducted by said department reflected that BEAN had the reputation of being "a crusading City Manager and Mayor for b7C

good government". Other than as noted no information has been received indicating any political tie-ups with crime in connection with officials of either San Diego or Imperial Counties, California.

Information indicating said tie-ups or affiliations is set forth under other catagories later in this report with respect to the immediate border area of the state of Baja California Mexico.

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B. Police Efficiency

Imperial County

The San Diego Office has received no recent derogatory information concerning the present police administrations in Imperial County. Imperial County is a sparsely populated, principally desert area. The largest city being the city of El Centro, California with a population of approximately 15,000. Sheriff HERBERT HUGHES (NA) is the principal law enforcement officer in Imperial County. He and the other chiefs of the principal law enforcement offices conduct their operations on an efficient basis. The San Diego Office has conducted numerous police schools for these departments.. Cooperation with the FBI is on a high level.

San Diego County

Sheriff BERT STRAND is the principal law enforcement officer in San Diego County. No derogatory information has been received concerning his administration and cooperation with the FBI is on a high level.

No derogatory information has been received concerning other law enforcement agencies in San Diego County other than as is set forth below.for the San Diego Police Department. Cooperation between all Federal and local law enforcement agencies in San Diego County, including the San Diego Police Department is excellent.

San Diego Police Department

On December 17, 1957 the San Diego Union carried an article captioned "Ruling Weakens Ex-Convict Law". This article discussed the U. S. SupememCourt ruling against a Los Angeles city ordinance with requires ex-convicts to register with the Chief of Police. As pointed out, San Diego has a similar ordinance. News items appearing in other local papers quote Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN, San Diego Police Department, as saying that the San Diego Police Department will continue to enforce the local ex-convict registration ordinance regardless of the U. S. Supreme Court ruling.

The San Diego City Attorney is quoted, however,

as stating that in his opinion the Supreme Court ruling makes the San Diego city ordinance unconstitutional.

Sheriff STRAND has taken the same attitude as Chief of Police JANSEN, inasmuch as San Diego County has a similar felon registration law.

On December 24, 1957 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that the [redacted] of which he is a member, have [redacted] each to the San Diego Police Department officer charged with contacting the [redacted] daily [redacted] said [redacted] will [redacted] He added that [redacted] has been made annually for several years. He did not indicate which police officer would benefit by [redacted] other than the officer currently charged with contacting [redacted] Detective [redacted] San Diego Police Department, took over that assignment during the past year. San Diego Agents acquainted with officers of the San Diego Police Department have received no prior derogatory information concerning [redacted] CALIF.

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On December 30, 1957 Assistant Chief ROLAN GRAHAM advised that the San Diego Police will replace Sheriff's office units policing the south bay area beginning New Year's Eve. The south bay area, which includes Imperial Beach and a corridor from San Diego to the Mexican border, was recently annexed to the city of San Diego. Policing of said area includes the maintenance of a border detail at San Ysidro which has been engaged during the past year in examining the vehicles proceeding to Mexico at night for possible violations and to prevent unescorted juveniles from proceeding to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, where all forms of vice have been alleged to be readily available.

This border detail has been maintained by the San Diego County Sheriff's Office. The City of San Diego will take over this detail on July 1, 1957 according to local authorities.

Some 14 million persons cross the International Border annually at San Ysidro, California, which is now within the city limits of San Diego.

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On February 10, 1958 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] b2
[redacted] that Vice Squad Officers had closed his card room on b7C
the prior evening under false allegations that he had
permitted a minor to play there. [redacted] claimed that in b7D
previous dealings with the San Diego Police Department in
connection with obtaining card room licenses, he has ascertained
that $200.00 given to [redacted] will ordinarily result
in the card room license being reinstated by San Diego Police
Department Vice Squad. [redacted] stated he has had his card
room license reinstated in this manner in the past.

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[redacted] is a [redacted] of
the Boston Jewelry and Loan Company, 802 Fourth Avenue,
San Diego. He is known to be very friendly with [redacted]
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sources, including San Diego police officers, one of whom b7C
is [redacted] in charge of San Diego Police Department
Vice Squad Night Detail, have advised that [redacted] is "Collector"
for [redacted] in connection with card room licenses.

On February 21, 1958 Detective [redacted]
in charge San Diego Police Department Vice Squad Night Detail,
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Department Robbery and Homicide Squad, was taking pay-offs
from negro bookmakers and pimps operating in the Logan
Heights section of San Diego. This section is inhabited
principally by negroes and Mexicans. [redacted] is the b7C
[redacted] San Diego Police Department [redacted] conducting
investigations in that area. [redacted] specifically mentioned
colored bookmakers [redacted] who also operates a real
estate agency in the Logan Heights section, and [redacted]
a colored ex-convict, who is also a bookmaker and pimp.

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Derogatory information concerning [redacted]
has previously been obtained from other San Diego Police b7C
Department officers and San Diego Office informants.

Border Law Enforcement Conference

News articles appearing in "The San Diego Union"
and "The San Diego Evening Tribune", dated February 21, 1958,
reported information concerning a conference of Mexican and
American law enforcement officers convened by California State

Attorney General EDMUND G. BROWN at El Centro, California, on February 20, 1958. This conference was one of several held during the past year in efforts to obtain closer cooperation between Mexican and United States law enforcement officers along the Mexican border in Southern California. Supervisory law enforcement officers of the major local law enforcement agencies in Imperial and San Diego Counties of California and the cities of Tijuana and Mexicali, B. C., Mexico, as well as representatives from the State of California Attorney General's Office and from the Attorney General's Office of the State of Baja California were invited to said conference.

News items reported that at said conference ROSENDO RODRIGUEZ, Attorney General of the State of Baja California, Mexico, declared that Mexican officials under instructions of Governor of Baja California, BRAULIO MALDONADO, had closed forty-seven clandestine marriage and divorce mills in Tijuana. He stated "some are still operating in Tijuana, but we have them located and I am sure that not a single one will be operating longer than eight days." RODRIGUEZ explained that legal marriage licenses are issued only by the office of Civil Registry in Tijuana, after applicants comply with requirements, including blood tests, and that divorces can be legally granted only through the courts.

San Diego County Sheriff BERT STRAND is reported by these articles to have stated that only 170 juveniles have been turned back by deputies at the San Ysidro port of entry during the month of February, 1958, compared to a monthly average of 570. STRAND was quoted as saying "The lower figure can be credited in part to the 'splendid cooperation' of Tijuana authorities in establishing a curfew of unescorted minors found on Tijuana streets after 10 pm. Such minors are now turned over to U. S. officials at the border. The curfew has acted as a deterrent."

"Most of these juveniles are coming from other counties and even from other states," STRAND said. "That is why I feel the federal government should close the border to youths under 18. This should not be a San Diego problem".

For approximately the past two years, the San Diego

County Sheriff's Office has operated a Border Detail at San Ysidro, California, which has been examining all vehicles and persons departing from the United States for Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, during the night hours only. Sheriff's deputies have been turning back unescorted juveniles following numerous complaints that they should not be permitted to visit Tijuana, where all forms of vice are readily available.

Chief of Police ADAM ELMER JANSEN, San Diego Police Department, criticized "certain veterans organizations" who gave unfavorable reports recently on Mexican jails. "These groups would do well not to criticize other people," he said. "I never heard of Mexicans criticizing American jails."

As the Bureau was recently advised, the Veterans of Foreign Wars recently conducted inquiries in San Diego and Tijuana concerning servicemen detained in Tijuana jails. News items carried articles quoting VFW officials as making derogatory remarks concerning Mexican jails and the treatment of U. S. servicemen confined there for violations of Mexican laws. JANSEN was undoubtedly referring to said VFW inquiries.

Attorney General EDMUND G. BROWN, in opening the conference, said he felt progress has been made in solving mutual border law enforcement problems since the San Diego parley. He said others will be scheduled periodically.

Sheriff HERBERT HUGHES (NA) of Imperial County said cooperation with Mexicali authorities has progressed to the point where thousands of dollars in stolen property is being recovered by Mexican police and returned here. HUGHES said unescorted juveniles going into Mexicali have not been a major problem.

Law Enforcement in Mexico Adjacent to California Border

Considerable information is frequently received through reliable sources and there are frequent news items alleging inefficiency and pay-offs by operators of houses of prostitution and narcotics dealers to Mexican law enforcement officers.

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Reliable Mexican officials and subordinate officers have advised that their superiors receive pay-offs, that police policy is dictated from Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO's Office, and that officially it is "unhealthy" to participate in investigations involving vice and narcotics matters in Baja California.

However, cooperation between the San Diego Office and Mexican law enforcement officials on a state, city, and local level has been excellent add effective within' the limitations regarding investigations in vice matters.

San Diego sources including Mexican police officers, have frequently advised that the pay of police officers is so low, averaging about $60 per month, that in order to feed their families they must, of necessity, enhance their salaries by making collections from houses of prostitution and other forms of vice. They stated that the close economic relations which exist between San Diego and other adjacent Mexican border areas raises the prices of goods and food in said Mexican areas to the level of that paid in the United States.

On January 13, 1958, Licienciado ALFREDO TRUJILLO MIER, Federal District Attorney, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, advised SA [redacted] San Diego, that he had complained on that date to Tijuana Mayor MANUEL QUIEROS LABASTIDA of the lack of narcotics cases being consigned to him by Tijuana Police authorities. TRUJILLO MIER stated that during the past ninety days Tijuana Police authorities have consigned or referred to him no narcotics cases for prosecution, whereas prior thereto for a considerable period, thirty to forty narcotics prosecution cases were referred to him per month. He related that this indicated that either Tijuana Police authorities were being paid off by the narcotics dealers or they had been instructed not to conduct such investigation. b7C

According to TRUJILLO MIER, the Mayor thereupon asked Chief of Tijuana Police Department ALFREDO REYES MONTENEGRO concerning this matter. MONTENEGRO alleged that he had placed CARLOS MURRIETTA ORTIZ in charge of the Detective force, now called "Servicio Secreto" or Secret Service, and had been holding him responsible for all investigations in Tijuana. He alleged that he was not aware of the situation and blamed MURIETTA ORTIZ for same. MEX.

The Federal District Attorney stated that since

this action by him he has received two threats on his life. He added that in addition, recently, an unidentified Mexican attempted to run over him in Tijuana. He escaped by throwing himself backwards to the sidewalk.

Reliable sources have requently stated that TRUJILLO MIER is almost solely responsible for any enforcement of narcotics or other vice prosecutions in Tijuana, and that efforts of vice leaders to bribe him have met with prosecution of said individuals for bribery. He is reported to be hated by the vice leaders and efforts have been made through Mexico City to have him removed from Tijuana.

TRUJILLO MIER has been very cooperative with the San Diego FBI Office. It is the opinion of the San Diego Office that there will shortly be another series of numerous changes in the Tijuana Police Department, as has happened frequently in the past.

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C. Political Control and Domination of Police Agencies

No information has been received indicating political control or domination of police agencies in the San Diego Division. As is mentioned above, such conditions do exist in Mexico, adjacent to the San Diego Division.

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D. Gambling

Imperial County

Draw poker and the card game called low-ball are legal in California. All such card rooms are licensed in most instances, by both county and city. The San Diego Office has received no information concerning illegal gambling activities in Imperial County other than the isolated instances of small bookmaking operations. No information has been received indicating that said gambling operations are controlled by any group or any one individual.

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On December 11, 1957 Captain C. V. FRY, in charge of the Criminal Division, San Diego County Sheriff's Office, advised SA JOHN C. MOE that there were no cardrooms whatsoever in San Diego County areas administered by the Sheriff's Office, the same being illegal by county ordinance. On December 11, 1957 Sergeant [redacted], in charge San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, advised that the card game low-ball was outlawed in San Diego city card rooms by city ordinance. Draw poker is however, permitted, and all card rooms must be licensed by the city. b7C

On November 1, 1957 Sergeant [redacted] in charge Vice Squad, San Diego Police Department, advised he had been informed by confidential source that some 8,500 football cards for betting purposes were being shipped into San Diego each week from a Texas source. These cards arrive in San Diego each Wednesday by air express. Some were being distributed on military bases in the San Diego area. b7C

Relative to these football cards, on December 20, 1957 Dallas advised that on November 26, 1957 [redacted] who [redacted] the Hyke Football Service, Fidelity Building, Dallas, Texas, was interviewed. He informed that he is engaged in the selling of football cards carrying teams and handicaps which are considered items of news. He advised he obtains handicap information from various sources in Indiana, Chicago and other cities throughout the U. S. He advised that after the handicaps and teams to be carried on a particular card are obtained, the cards are proof read prior to the printing of same, after which, they are given to the Worford Printing

Company, 2119 South Ervay, Dallas. After the printing is completed, he then mails them via COD or prepaid to various customers throughout the U. S. and Hawaii. He advised his shipments are usually shipped via railway express or U. S. Mails.

He advised he sells and distributes news items only to various customers. He advised he is not interested in what these customers intend to do with these particular news items or football cards. b7C

[redacted] has been engaged in the printing of football cards or news items for the past several years.

In 1953, he was investigated pertaining to the operation of the Hyke Football Service, at which time, the matter was presented to U. S. Attorney, EDPa, who declined prosecution.

On January 24, 1958 Dallas advised that on January 20, 1958 [redacted] furnished the identities of individuals in San Diego, California to whom he mailed football cards during September, October, November and December, together with the number of cards mailed. It is noted that the total of cards mailed amounts to over 10,000 per week in most instances during those months to the San Diego area alone. b7C

The San Diego Office has no information indicating that betting involved in connection with these football cards is controlled by any individual or group in San Diego.

On December 31, 1957 [redacted] CALIF well known San Diego bookmaker, was interviewed by SanDiego Agents in connection with another matter. During the interview of [redacted] was visited by [redacted], MEX. CALIF. Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, and [redacted] Caliente employee. They advised that on the prior evening MEX. CALIF. Manager [redacted] Caliente Race Track, had held a party there attended by about fifty close friends and employees. These included several San Diego bookmakers, including [redacted] b7C

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While the Agents were at the [redacted] residence, [redacted] was contacted telephonically by [redacted] San Diego top hoodlum, and by [redacted] Reno, Nevada, hoodlum. [redacted] is owner of the Bank Club and other interests in Reno, Nevada, and is a former associate of [redacted] and notorious hoodlums, including [redacted] and others. [redacted] has in the past cooperated with the Salt Lake City FBI Office. [redacted] called [redacted] long distance from Reno. The purpose of calls from [redacted] and [redacted] were apparently in connection with large bets.

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On December 30, 1957 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that according to underworld rumors, [redacted] of Las Vegas, Nevada was now the man to contact to invest undeclared income tax money. [redacted] stated that San Diego bookmakers, [redacted] and [redacted] were being banked by [redacted] has been designated a top hoodlum national in the Salt Lake City Division.

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"The San Diego Evening Tribune" dated January 1, 1958 contains news article, captioned "Clark, Syndicate Buy Ranch Land". The article stated as follows:

"Vista--WILBUR CLARK, noted sportsman from Las Vegas, heads a syndicate which has purchased 400 acres of the historic San Geronimo ranch, located in San Luis Rey Valley.

"It will be used for the establishment of a thoroughbred breeding farm, according to CHARLES L. RODGERS, agent handling the deal. More than $270,000 was involved in the transaction.

"The deal will not be completed until mid-March when CLARK, JAMES BLANKENSHIP, land investor from Las Vegas, and BILL RADKOVICH, Los Angeles contractor, take title to the land. Some 200 acres bought by CLARK and RADKOVICH will be merged with 200 acres already owned by BLANKENSHIP.

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"Dumpty Humpty, Irish-bred holder of the world record for six furlongs, will be placed on the new ranch by CLARK and RADKOVICH. CLARK recently purchased more blood-stock while touring Europe. Included was Coup du Vent, already nominated for the Santa Anita Derby March 12.

"An additional $150,000 will be invested in new stables, paddocks, renovation of present barns and other improvements. HERRY STAPP, brother-in-law of BLANKENSHIP, has been installed as ranch manager. An open house is planned for January 14." NEVADA CALIF.

On February 2, 1958 the San Diego Union carried an item entitled "Bookie 'Fix' is charged by Hewicker". According to this item Superior Court Judge JOHN HEWICKER, San Diego County, stated "he thinks 'fixing' of bookmaking cases in San Diego has been occurring." This article criticized the San Diego County Sheriff's Office for making a trusty of one GEORGE CORDON the day after he was committed to jail to await a probation hearing pending sentence on bookmaking charges.

With respect to the alleged "fix" charged by Mr. HEWICKER, it is the opinion of the San Diego Office that the reporter preparing this article misinterpreted the Judge's comments insofar as the article indicates possible illegal manipulations by the Sheriff's department, whereas prior information received from numerous reliable sources indicates that certain officers of the San Diego Police Department have tolerated bookmaking and have favored certain bookmakers.

A headline appeared in the San Diego Evening Tribune dated February 3, 1958 entitled "Bookies Run, Police Know It, Jury Hints". This item purports to report findings and recommendations of the San Diego County Grand Jury which reportedly alleges "that organized horse race bookmaking apparently has existed in San Diego with the full knowledge of the Police Department." The article sets forth that during Grand Jury investigation of bookmaking during 1957, seventeen persons were indicted on bookmaking charges. "The indictments followed a four-month under-cover investigation by HALL SCHRADER investigator for the District Attorney's Office, who posed as a horse race bettor." SCHRADER is a NA graduate employed by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office.

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Also included in this article is a statement of San Diego Police Chief A. E. JANSEN, acknowledging the existence of bookmaking by criticizing the District Attorney and the Grand Jury for not requesting the assistance or cooperation of the San Diego Police Department in connection with the bookmaking investigations.

An item appeared in the "San Diego Union" dated February 4, 1958, entitled "Organized Bookies Are Active Here, Grand Jury Says." This is a further elaboration on information contained under prior item of this section. In this article Chief of Police JANSEN allegedly stated that many bookmaking arrests were ineffective due to the long-standing judicial policy of punishing bookmakers by a fine or probation with short jail sentences rather then by prison sentences. JANSEN is further quoted as saying "The courts have not taken a very serious view of the bookmaking prosecutions, as is evidenced by the fact that in my recollection during the past 25 years only one convicted bookmaker was sent to prison, and that in a recent case..... I would also like to point out that if it were not for the fact that hundreds of otherwise good citizens make bets every day on horse races with local bookmakers, there would be no bookmakers. Every citizen who places a bet with a bookmaker commits a felony and I do not know of a single prosecution of a bettor. There is no evidence of syndicates, organized crime or like evils in San Diego County and there will be none if we can prevent it by all-round police activity."

[redacted] On February 14, 1958 [redacted] CALIF. [redacted] confidentially advised that he had received information from several reliable sources that San Diego Sicilian bar owners were taking over bookmaking operations in San Diego. He stated that [redacted] had recently [redacted] top San Diego hoodlum FRANK BOMPENSIERO. CALIF.

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As the Bureau is aware, the Del Mar Race Track is located in San Diego County. This race track operates during the months of July to September each year. Illegal activities occurring and hoodlums visiting the San Diego area in conjunction with the operation of said track are closely followed by the San Diego Office.

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Mexican Border Area

Horse racing, dog races and Jai Alai are legal forms of gambling in Mexico and are available in Tijuana and at Caliente Race Track near Tijuana. The Caliente Track also has what is known as the "Foreign Book" where bets may be placed daily on race tracks throughout the United States. The Caliente Track is open the year around with dog racing being conducted from three to four days per week, and horse racing from two to three days per week.

Cards, dice, slot machines, roulette, and similar forms of gambling are outlawed in Mexico.

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The Caliente Race Track is operated by General Manager, [redacted] and his [redacted] who are directors of said track. MEX. CALIE. b7C

During December 1957 [redacted] advised that an organization named the 5-10 Handicap Publisher publishes tickets similar to the 5-10 tickets used by the Caliente Race Track. The organization charged $5.00 for a $2.00 ticket. The tickets are thereafter apparently transported from Los Angeles to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, where bona fide "5-10" tickets are then purchased. [redacted] related that Caliente Race Track schedules busses from Los Angeles to Tijuana for race track patrons. These busses pick up passengers in front of the Biltmore and Roosevelt Hotels, Los Angeles. During November, 1957, captioned organization at these bus stops began advertising they would take bets on the "5-10" for customers. [redacted] recalled the address of the 5-10 Handicap Publisher to be 6111 or 611 La Brea Avenue, Los Angeles, and that all bets and money must be received by the organization by 6 PM, Saturday for the following Sunday races at Caliente Track. b7C

The San Diego Office receives frequent information from various sources concerning plans by various groups to engage in gambling in Baja California Mexico.

By cablegram dated March 17, 1958, Legat, Mexico City, advised that COHEN and Associates have recently been in La Paz, B. C., Mexico, according to COHEN "for purpose

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of investigating hotel investment possibilities with gambling operation". COHEN and associates, including two attorneys, tentatively planned to proceed to Mexico City, March 17 or March 18, 1958, to contact [redacted] of Tijuana Race Track, and one [redacted] Legat stated that [redacted] is possibly identical with former alleged Chicago Numbers King [redacted] who is now a resident of Mexico City. b7C

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[redacted] is General Manager, Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. He makes frequent trips to Mexico City in connection with said position. In the past he has on several occasions advised San Diego Agents that he keeps in touch with the Mexican political situation and with high Mexican government officials in order to retain his position. Numerous sources have advised that in the past that to retain said position [redacted] is required to pay off key government officials. San Diego has received no prior information concerning any association of [redacted] with COHEN. COHEN is a top hoodlum, Los Angeles Division. b7C

During December 1957 a reliable confidential source, whose identity can not be divulged for security reasons, advised that Mexican interests have been negotiating through attorneys with the Mexican Government to form a firm known as the Club Continental to operate a hotel and gambling casino at Rosarito Beach, B. C., Mexico, and [redacted] Minister of Interior, and [redacted] the first wife of President [redacted] are to be associated with [redacted] the firm. [redacted] described as principal stockholder with Sears, Roebuck and other enterprises, on behalf of self and other American interests, is reportedly putting up all capital to purchase the Rosarito Beach Hotel, remodel and equip same. Once permission is obtained to operate the gambling casino, the Mexican interests will turn operations of the hotel and casino over to [redacted] In exchange for the permit Mexican interests are to receive 50% of the stock. b7C

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Relative to the above, during April 1957 this same source advised that a [redacted] a wealthy gambler from Las Vegas, and a [redacted] (PH)(FNU) from the Los Angeles area were interested in buying the Rosarito Beach Hotel or the b7C

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La Quinta Humberto, a large hotel in Rosarito Beach. During the Spring of 1957, the La Quinta Humberto opened to gambling under the name The Yacht Club. Gambling games included roulette, crap tables, blackjack, poker and slot machines. The principal individuals managing the operation were identified as [redacted] b7C [redacted] California, and [redacted] reportedly a Las Vegas gambler. MEX. NEVADA MEX.

During this same period the Los Angeles Police Department Intelligence Department requested that the San Diego Police Department conduct inquiries concerning gambling at Rosarito Beach and a reported influx of hoodlums to said area. By way of background, the Los Angeles Police Department advised that a Los Angeles attorney representing Los Angeles interests had proceeded to New York City where he allegedly met with FRANK COSTELLO. COSTELLO and Los Angeles interests were reported to have deposited one million dollars in a Los Angeles bank to start the gambling operation at Rosarito Beach.

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On February 11, 1958 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he had ascertained through his contacts at the Rosarito Beach Hotel, located at 16 miles south of Tijuana, B. C. Mexico, that the owner of the Desert Inn in Las Vegas has an interest in said hotel. [redacted] Top Hoodlum, Salt Lake City, is reportedly one of the owners of the Desert Inn. Informant related that [redacted] the manager of said hotel, was formerly employed by the Hotel Prince in Mexico City. For about the past two years the hotel has been leased to [redacted] a former Las Vegas and Los Angeles gambler. [redacted] is reportedly a good friend of MARION HISK, one of the principal owners of the Thunderbird Club, Las Vegas. [redacted] also reportedly has a brother in Las Vegas. [redacted] reportedly pays the owners of the Rosarito Beach Hotel a rental of $5,000 monthly. The rental money is reported to be put up by [redacted] and [redacted] of Los Angeles.

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According to informant, during the past year a group of individuals from Los Angeles and the Judge from Tijuana flew to Mexico City to the bull fights, plane fares and all expenses of the group being paid for by [redacted]

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Informant further stated that Governor of Baja California BRAULIO MALDONADO stops frequently at the Rosarito Beach Hotel and that MALDONADO has been hosted by [redacted] when in Las Vegas. MALDONADO reportedly stayed at the Rancho Vegas Motel, Las Vegas, in 1956, at [redacted] expense. As the Bureau has been previously advised, other sources have informed that MALDONADO has been paid large sums of money by Las Vegas interests to keep gambling closed in Baja California.

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[redacted] was, is identical with FBI No. [redacted] are top hoodlums in the Los Angeles Division.

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On March 18, 1958 U. S. Consul ROBERT HALE, Tijuana, furnished photostatic copies of plans and correspondence relating to the construction of gambling establishments, hotels, and other facilities at Monument Beach, located three miles west of Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, on the Pacific Coast and along the International Border. HALE told SA [redacted] that these plans have been furnished to him by [redacted] La Jolla, California, telephone [redacted] in furnishing these plans, told [redacted] that he objected to the construction of these gambling facilities near Tijuana, inasmuch as he was already constructing some such facilities near Tijuana at another location, having obtained a concession authorizing said construction from the Mexican government.

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This correspondence contains a description of the facilities to be constructed, describing same in part as "COSTA AZUL will be developed into a combination of "Miami Beach," Florida and Palm Springs, California. The enclosed color insert represents a typical example of the type of hotel structure that will be built in COSTA AZUL with the new modern Mexican styling."

"With seventeen new border gates to serve COSTA AZUL and the new six lane highway that passes through it from the United States and the new four lane highway from Tijuana, COSTA AZUL will have approximately seven miles of highway frontage for development and will support some twenty-five or more such commercial and hotel accommodations on both sides of this new super highway. Many motels, hotels, apartments, and residences and their guests will serve to support these ventures twelve months of the year. These highways are now ninety per cent complete on the Mexican side".

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Concerning this, a new four-lane highway is being constructed from Tijuana to the coast and the Bureau has previously been advised relative to the property along said highway and on the coast being controlled by Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO of Baja California, and his associates. The correspondence contained a letter from Governor MALDONADO, dated October 22, 1957, to [redacted] Organic Mineral Sales Ltd., 111a. No. La Cidnega Boulevard, Beverly Hills, California" expressing his cooperation in said enterprise. b7C

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Other correspondence deals with the construction of "de luxe accommodations for guests, together with a fabulous full gambling casino, airport, boat dockage and any or all necessary features....." An Exclusive monopoly with a fifty-year gambling concession in Baja California is sought, according to this correspondence, by [redacted] b7C

The correspondence in addition to the above address also bears the reference to [redacted] ASSOCIATES, 2171 West 26th Place, Los Angeles, 18, California.

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The correspondence contains photographs of the Fountainbleau, Miami Beach, Florida, a proposed casino named "The Tropicana", a tentative planning map and a tentative zoning map for the facilities at Monument Beach. Estimated net income and expenses are also itemized.

One photostatic copy of each of the two brochures describing the above gambling operation, one brochure entitled OPERATION BAJA; the other bearing a photograph of the Fountainbleau Casino in Miami Beach on the front cover and describing the development called "Costa Azul de Pacifico, B. C., Mexico, have been submitted to the Bureau.

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E. Notorious Types and Places of Amusement

There are no known notorious houses of prostitution or other such places of amusement in Imperial or San Diego County.

All night clubs in Tijuana and Mexicali, B. C., Mexico can be described as notorious places of amusement. All forms of vice, including prostitutes, obscene matter, and narcotics are readily available in such places. Information concerning narcotics and prostitution is set forth under appropriate headings in this report.

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F. Prostitution

As stated above there are no known houses of prostitution operating in San Diego or Imperial Counties.

Officers of the San Diego County Sheriff's Office, San Diego Police Department, and other law enforcement officers in San Diego and vicinity have all advised this area is without any organized or commercialized houses of prostitution, although they readily admit that there are hundreds of girls in San Diego and vicinity who follow the U. S. Navy fleet and who are here because of the large concentration of military personnel in the area. These officers, including Captain [redacted] San Diego County Sheriff's Office, Detective Sergeant [redacted] and other Detectives of the San Diego Police Department, Naval Intelligence Officers, and others, readily admit that virtually every bar, hotel and street, for that matter, in downtown San Diego, is a potential meeting place for sailors, Marines and girls who are out having a good time. b7C

As was stated before, prostitution is legal in Mexico; however, pandering is illegal. It is interesting to note that under the law, if an individual accosts a cab driver and asks to be taken to a house of prostitution, the cab driver cannot be held liable as a panderer. On the other hand, if the cab driver suggests to an individual that he can take him to a house of prostitution, if the evidence can be obtained, the cab driver can be prosecuted for pandering. Likewise, houses which operate as hotels receiving rent each time that the hotel rooms are used cannot be held liable for operating a bawdy house. On the other hand, if the individual who operates the hotel rents rooms to the prostitutes, he could be charged with operating a bawdy house.

The San Diego Office has received no information indicating that prostitution in Mexico, adjoining the San Diego Division, is controlled by any individual or organized group.

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G. Shylocking

San Diego has received no information concerning this activity.

H. Fencing of Stolen Property

The San Diego Office has received no information concerning organized or large scale fencing being conducted in Imperial or San Diego Counties. Rumors of some such activity in Tijuana and Mexicali, B. C., Mexico have been received. However, said reports have not been verified.

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I. Narcotics

Narcotics violations continue as a major law enforcement problem in the San Diego area in view of its close proximity to the Mexican Border and there are continuous and frequent arrests in San Diego for narcotics violations. Local Federal and State enforcement officers employed along the Mexican Border all advise that narcotics can be purchased freely from cab drivers, street vendors and some business establishments in Tijuana.

The San Diego Office, through informants, receives considerable information on narcotics violations, all of which is referred to the proper law enforcement agency.

On December 19, 1957 CARLOS MURIETTA, Chief of Servicio Secreto, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico Police Department, advised that Mexican Federal Narcotics Agents engaged in a gun battle with two narcotics traffickers on the morning of the same date. Acting on a tip that the two narcotics dealers were to receive smuggled heroin, Narcotics Agents went to a ranch near Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, where the smugglers were located, at about 5:00 AM.

Mexican Narcotics Agents had information from an informant that an American would contact the smugglers at that time, following which he would transport the heroin into the United States near San Ysidro, California.

When the officers arrived at the ranch house the suspects opened fire on them. The officers returned fire, killing one JOSE INEX INZUNZA and wounding his nephew, [redacted] b7C

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In connection with the above [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that two Federal Narcotics Officers involved in these killings afterwards sold some of the heroin seized to patrons of a house of prostitution in Tijuana, operated by [redacted] b2 b7D b7C

[redacted] was convicted of WSTA violations following his

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arrest by San Diego Agents in 1956.

San Diego and Los Angeles papers contain articles frequently concerning the easy availability of narcotics in adjacent Mexican border areas. In an item appearing in the San Diego Evening Tribune dated December 18, 1957 a Los Angeles Grand Jury is quoted as urging that the Mexican border be closed to everyone except those with passports and visas. The article related "The narcotics evil has become such a social cancer in the Los Angeles area that the law can no longer cope with it." A news item appearing in the San Diego Union dated February 4, 1958 reported that the San Diego County Grand Jury urged that the State Legislature levy a heavy tax on narcotics found outside legitimate sources in an effort to destroy the profit motive. The item points out that "San Diego County has no major organized illegal selling of narcotics because they are easy to obtain in Tijuana, the report said. However, it is probable that substantial amounts of illegal narcotics go through the county in transit to more distant markets."

The item further recommends that the California State Legislature adopt laws giving enforcement agencies more freedom in search and seizure, noting that evidence rules concerning search and seizure do not apply to narcotics in the state of Michigan.

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J. Mexican Border Influence on Crime Conditions in Southern California

Intermittent efforts by Mexican officials to control prostitution and narcotics in Baja California are publicized periodically in Baja California newspapers. However, it is the consensus of opinion among informants, law enforcement officers, and other reliable sources, that prostitution, narcotics, the sale of obscene matter, and other forms of vice, continue to operate as usual.

Various San Diego sources have advised that the prostitution and narcotics rackets are too lucrative to be closed down permanently in Mexico. These sources state that token raids will continue to be made intermittently. These raids will be widely publicized in order to lessen criticism from the United States side of the border.

Stores selling obscene matter in Tijuana have been closed down for short periods during the past six months but are currently operating as usual. Various sources have advised that following payments to certain Mexican officials the stores are permitted to reopen, even though this incurs considerable criticism on both sides of the border. A majority of the matter sold in this stores is printed in English and obviously for sale to United States visitors to Northern Mexico.

Additional problems related to the border confronted local, state and Federal officers in the San Diego area involving the wide-spread smuggling of narcotics and other contriband, and the smuggling of aliens into the United States. U. S. Customs Officers have stated that with their limited facilities that they are unable to prevent such smuggling.

In an article appearing in the San Diego Union dated January 9, 1958 entitled "Officers at Border Bar 26,133 Youths", concerned the accomplishments of a border detail instituted by the Sheriff's Office of San Diego County to prevent or discourage juveniles from entering Mexico where all forms of vice, including narcotics, are readily available to them.

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In reviewing said program, the Sheriff stated "A total of 165 runaway juveniles have been apprehended and turned back to their homes; 83 juveniles have been arrested on felony charges and 380 on misdemeanor charges; 146 persons over 18 have been arrested on felonies and 443 for misdemeanors." ....."In 1957, a total of 3,273 juveniles were turned back. Of this number, 821 were from this county and 2,452 from other counties and states. In 1954, the first full year of the border detail's operation, there were 1,315 local juveniles and 1,287 outsiders turned back."

The San Diego Police Department will take over the border detail task on July 1, 1958.

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INFORMANTS

The following listed informants and other sources were contacted by the Special Agents named and on the dates shown in the details of this report, except as noted. Careful consideration has been given to the use of T-symbols in this report. T-symbols were used only when deemed essential to conceal an informant or confidential source.

[redacted] is [redacted]

is [redacted]

is PCI [redacted]

is [redacted] contacted by SA [redacted] on 1/13/58

is PCI [redacted] Los Angeles

is [redacted] Los Angeles. (Identity concealed because of position.)

is [redacted] - Information furnished to [redacted] (Deemed advisable to conceal identity by Los Angeles Office.)

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: MAR 27 1958

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-35)

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SUBJECT: ACTIVITIES OF TOP TEN HOODLUMS IN THE SAN DIEGO FIELD DIVISION ANTI-RACKETEERING

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM

Enclosed, herewith, for the Bureau are two copies of the report of SA [redacted] captioned and dated as above at San Diego, California. b7C

Two copies of said report are also being furnished the New York Office.

REFERENCE

Bureau letters to New York dated 11/27/57 and 12/10/57 captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, ANTI-RACKETEERING".
SAC letter # 58-11 dated 2/14/58 captioned "TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, SUMMARY REPORTS". b7C
Report of SA [redacted] dated 1/9/58, subject matter.

ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

The enclosed summary report contains information developed since the prior summary report dated 1/9/58 only.

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SAN DIEGO DIVISION

Will, on development of additional information pertinent to instant matter, furnish same to the Bureau and New York. To avoid duplication, leads to develop additional information concerning criminal activities and legitimate enterprises of the hoodlums named are not being set out in this report, inasmuch as they have been set out in the individual investigative case on each top hoodlum.

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BOMPENSIERO HAS BEEN ARRESTED IN POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND WAS A SUSPECT IN AT LEAST TWO BURGLARIES. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. [redacted] HAS IN THE PAST SHOT AT MEXICAN POLICE OFFICERS AND IS REPORTED TO BE ARMED AT ALL TIMES. HE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS. b7C

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On 3-17-58 PCI [redacted] advised that [redacted] is married to a [redacted] of [redacted] and [redacted] is married to a relative of [redacted] an [redacted] citizen. has been seeking admission into the United States. The [redacted] according to [redacted] plan to [redacted] provided [redacted] by U. S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. b7C b7D

According to [redacted] Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, between [redacted] obtain [redacted] Mexico and reside in Tijuana. b7C b7D

PCI [redacted] who is a [redacted] in Tijuana, has advised that [redacted] through [redacted] is attempting to [redacted] in Mexico. b7C b7D

The San Diego Office has received prior information concerning [redacted] including allegations that he has protected Italians in Tijuana and will arrange immigration matters in Mexico for a price. Proper precautions have been taken by the San Diego Office in efforts to prevent [redacted] from ascertaining [redacted] of any San Diego Office [redacted] b7C b7D

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ANTONIO MIRABILE, was
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As previously reported, MIRABILE is considered one of the principal top hoodlums in the San Diego Division. Information has been received from reliable sources that he controls the activities of other Sicilian bar owners in San Diego, as well as some operations of the Bartenders and the Cooks and Waiters Unions.

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On 3-17,18, and 19-58, PCI [redacted] on instructions of the San Diego Office [redacted] MIRABILE [redacted] MIRABILE [redacted] PCI on his [redacted] scheduled to leave San Diego, 3-28-58. [redacted] stated he has seen this [redacted] in Ensenada, B. C., Mexico, and will, through his contacts, ascertain whether MIRABILE is concealing any individuals on said [redacted]

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MIRABILE also [redacted] PCI [redacted] located about [redacted] San Diego. [redacted] has in the past reportedly been [redacted] for Italian hoodlums.

FRANK DESIMONE, Top Hoodlum, Los Angeles, currently being sought by New York Grand Jury, has frequented [redacted] of MIRABILE. [redacted] was born in [redacted] and has been engaged in operations of night clubs in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, and San Diego in the past. In order to obtain information concerning [redacted] which consists of some [redacted] which may be reached [redacted] it is contemplated that PCI will be encouraged [redacted]

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PCI advised that on above dates he observed Italian whom he believes is lookout or bodyguard for MIRABILE.

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As the Bureau has been advised, MIRABILE is owner of a large apartment house, the Palomar Apartments, located across Sixth Avenue from Balboa Park. MIRABILE transacts business on park benches across from said hotel.

b2 [redacted] has advised that this location is used by MIRABILE "because he knows he can't be bugged there". MIRABILE
b7D has been observed by San Diego Agents engaged in conversation on said park benches with San Diego bar owners and with union representatives.

PCI related that he observed the lookout carefully viewing the surrounding area and traffic during the time that MIRABILE was conducting business on the park bench. He also noted that this individual followed visitors to the Palomar b7C
Apartments. PCI furnished description of said individuals, b7D
as well as [redacted]
MIRABILE in the Palomar. MIRABILE's third floor apartment overlooks the park benches where he conducts business and where the lookout is frequently stationed. [redacted] MIRABILE from his apartment while [redacted]

MIRABILE mentioned several Italian close friends in Tijuana and Ensenada, [redacted] He made statement that his good friend [redacted] of b7C
Caliente Race Track, [redacted] mentioned b7D
MIRABILE's name.

[redacted]

GAMBLING - BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO

On 3-18-58 U. S. Consul ROBERT HALE, Tijuana,

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furnished photostatic copies of plans and correspondence relating to the construction of gambling establishments, hotels, and other facilities at Monument Beach, located three miles west of Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, on the Pacific Coast and along the International Border. HALE told SA [redacted] that these plans have been furnished to him by [redacted] of 7855 Ivanhoe Street, La Jolla, California, telephone [redacted] [redacted] in furnishing these plans, told HALE that he objected to the construction of these gambling facilities inasmuch as he was already constructing some such facilities near Tijuana at another location, having obtained a concession authorizing said construction from the Mexican government. b7C

This correspondence contains a description of the facilities to be constructed, describing same in part as "COSTA AZUL will be developed into a combination of 'Miami Beach' Florida and Palm Springs, California. The enclosed color insert represents a typical example of the type of hotel structure that will be built in COSTA AZUL with the new modern Mexican styling."

"With seventeen new border gates to serve COSTA AZUL and the new six lane highway that passes through it from the United States and the new four lane highway from Tijuana, COSTA AZUL will have approximately seven miles of highway frontage for development and will support some twenty-five or more such commercial and hotel accommodations on both sides of this new super highway. Many motels, hotels, apartments and residences and their guest will serve to support these ventures twelve months of the year. These highways are now ninety percent complete on the Mexican side."

Concerning this, a new four-lane highway is being constructed from Tijuana to the coast and the Bureau has previously been advised relative to the property along said highway and on the coast being controlled by Governor BRAULIO MALDONADO

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of Baja California, and his associates. The correspondence contained a letter from Governor MALDONADO, dated 10-22-57, to [redacted] Organic Mineral Sales Ltd., 111a. No. La Cienega Blvd., Beverly Hills, Calif." expressing his cooperation in said enterprise.

Other correspondence deals with the construction of "de luxe accommodations for guests, together with a fabulous full gambling casino, airport, boat dockage and any or all necessary features. . . ." An exclusive monopoly with a fifty-year gambling concession in Baja California is sought, according to this correspondence, by [redacted] b7C

The correspondence in addition to the above address also bears the reference to [redacted] ASSOCIATES, 2171 West 26th Place, Los Angeles 18, California. b7C

The correspondence contains photographs of the Fountainbleau, Miami Beach, Florida, a proposed casino named "The Tropicana", a tentative planning map and a tentative zoning map for the facilities at Monument Beach. Estimated net income and expenses are also itemized.

One photostatic copy each of the two brochures, one entitled "OPERATION 'BAJA'" and the other bearing a photograph of the Fountainbleau on front cover and describing the development known as Costa Azul de Pacifico, B. C., Mexico, are enclosed herewith for the Bureau. This correspondence is being furnished the Bureau in view of the possibility of influx of hoodlums and gambling interests.

One copy each of the above-described material is also being furnished the Los Angeles Office by separate communication with the request that credit and criminal checks and office indices search be made on [redacted] b7C

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ITALIAN-AMERICAN CIVIC ASSOCIATION OF SAN DIEGO
SD 92-0

Seven of the Top Ten San Diego Hoodlums are of Italian descent. On March 23, 1958, PCI [redacted] attended the Third Annual Dinner Dance of the Italian-American Civic Association in San Diego. This function was attended by several hundred local Italians and by public officials of San Diego and business men associated with the Italian members of this association. b7C b7D

PCI furnished the San Diego Office with a copy of the Year Book of said organization. This publication contains photographs and other information concerning business activities of some of the San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums, including [redacted] (SD 92-19), ANTONINO MIRABILE, was (SD 92-20), [redacted] (SD 92-24), [redacted] (SD 92-76), [redacted] of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlum FRANK BOMPENSIERO (SD 92-15), [redacted] of [redacted] (SD 92-21), as well as others. [redacted] is [redacted] of the Italian-American Civic Association. PCI stated that [redacted] is being groomed for leadership among the local Italians. b7C

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PCI advised that members of the Association informed him that said organization was instituted several years ago by ANTONINO MIRABILE and FRANK BOMPENSIERO, specifically to exert influence on politicians in a position to assist San Diego Italian tavern owners and other businesses controlled by them. The Year Book states "Our Association is formed for the purpose of bringing all persons of Italian descent together in order to encourage active participation in the civic and

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public affairs of our local government and to participate in and sponsor social functions." BOMPENSIERO, one of its original founders, is currently confined in California State Penitentiary for his participation in fraudulent liquor license transactions and bribery in connection therewith. MIRABILE is considered one of the principal leaders of the San Diego Sicilians and also those on the San Diego Top Ten Hoodlum list.

At the dinner dance PCI obtained photographs of several of the San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums and their associates. He obtained other information of value to the Top Hoodlum Program.

Said function was attended by several San Diego public officers, including [redacted] b7C
PCI took photograph of [redacted] with several associates of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. PCI advised that some time after the photograph was taken [redacted] approached him to return said photograph but PCI informed [redacted] that the photograph was ruined and did not turn out properly. PCI has made this photograph available to the San Diego Office.

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SD 92-31 - 00 - PX

[redacted] is Top Hoodlum National and attended the Apalachin Conference. PCI [redacted] has advised that he [redacted] in Ensenada, B. C., Mexico, about February, 1955, b7D
while [redacted] b7C
[redacted] was ex-convict then under deportation proceedings in the United States for narcotics violations, who fled to Ensenada. [redacted] was a [redacted] deserter investigated by the San Diego Office. PCI stated [redacted] and other U. S. Sicilian hoodlums frequented a ranch at Socorro, near Ensenada, owned by PCI [redacted]
PCI has observed prominent Italians from Los

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Angeles and San Diego at [redacted] b7C b7D

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PCI [redacted] furnished names, addresses, and other information concerning Italians residing in the Ensenada, B. C., Mexico area with whom he is acquainted. He also furnished information concerning hangouts of Italians from the United States who visit the Ensenada area.

[redacted] - AR
SD 92-new

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[redacted] is [redacted] of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlum [redacted] He is married to daughter of [redacted] Detroit National Top Hoodlum. Some reliable sources have advised that [redacted] has more authority among local Sicilians than his [redacted]

On instructions of San Diego Office, PCI [redacted] has obtained [redacted] operated by [redacted] This [redacted] is leased by them from [redacted] and adjoins the [redacted] b7C
[redacted] arrived in the United States b7D
about 1954, via South America from Italy. Through such [redacted] PCI is becoming acquainted with San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums and their associates. [redacted] with their associates in Ensenada and Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. Through such [redacted] PCI has become [redacted] born in [redacted] has been [redacted] of bars in San Diego for [redacted] and associates for about the past [redacted] told PCI that he formerly belonged to Mafia in Chicago, and that he has [redacted] in [redacted] who operates [redacted] there. This [redacted] left [redacted] and "is member of the [redacted]

[redacted] told PCI that years ago he went to [redacted]

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from Italy with a false passport and thereafter entered the United States. [redacted] is a [redacted] of some of the Sicilians residing in the Ensenada area with whom the PCI [redacted] b7C b7D

Through his current [redacted] PCI [redacted] has obtained other information of assistance to the San Diego Office in the Top Hoodlum Program. [redacted] is listed in the San Diego Office indices, file 94-69-3, as a member of the ANTONINO MIRABILE-FRANK BOMPENSIERO Gang in San Diego. b7C b7D

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: APR 23 1958

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-15)

SUBJECT: UNDERWORLD TRAFFIC IN TELEPHONE COIN BOX KEYS - TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM - ANTI-RACKETEERING

Re SAC Letter No. 58-19, 3/18/58, captioned matter.

On 3/27/58 [redacted] San Diego, confidentially advised that all pay phones have an upper housing and a lower housing, each of which requires a separate key to open. The lower housing locks are varied and the telephone company has over 4,000 different keys for those installed in Southern California alone. b7C b7D

The upper housing locks are identical on all pay phones installed by Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co. All may be opened by the same key, Code 10 G. This applies to pay phones of said company in the States of California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and part of Nevada.

[redacted] informed that he has investigated a considerable number of cases involving the use of a master key to open the upper housing of the pay phones. The most frequently employed MO is to unlock the upper housing and tie a string to the relay. Black string is used. The string hangs outside the upper housing, generally to the rear or dark side where it is not readily visible. The individual employing this MO can effect return of his money by pulling the string. b7C b7D

In making a long distance call, the telephone company operator always returns the caller's dime after the caller has furnished the number desired. When the operator

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instructs the caller to deposit money for the long distance call, the usual procedure is for the caller to deposit all or part of the amount, at least several coins. The caller then pulls the string and his money is returned. In most instances, the operator cannot detect this activity.

[redacted] stated that on first appearance of this MO at a pay phone, he has the string removed. If the offense re-occurs at the same phone, he has a "key grabber" installed in the upper housing lock. A key inserted in this "key grabber" and turned a quarter turn, cannot be recovered, is held by the "key grabber", and the upper housing remains locked, cannot be opened. b7C b7D

Two copies of this letter are being furnished for information to each of the offices covering territory serviced by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

REC-23

MEYER HARRIS COHEN, was.
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SD 92-75

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By cablegram dated 3-17-58 Legat, Mexico City, advised that COHEN and associates have recently been in La Paz, B. C., Mexico, according to COHEN "for purpose of investigating hotel investment possibilities with gambling operation". COHEN and associates, including two attorneys, tentatively planned to proceed to Mexico City, 3-17 or 3-18-58, to contact [redacted] [redacted] of Tijuana Race Track, and one [redacted] Legat stated that [redacted] is possibly identical with former alleged Chicago Numbers King [redacted] who is now a resident of Mexico City.

[redacted] is [redacted] Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. He makes frequent trips to Mexico City in connection with said position. In the past he has on several occasions advised San Diego Agents that he keeps in touch with the Mexican political situation and with high Mexican government officials in order to retain his position. Numerous sources have advised in the past that to retain said position [redacted] is required to pay off key government officials. San Diego has received no prior information concerning any association of [redacted] with COHEN.

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ENCLOSURES: TO THE BUREAU:

Photostatic copy of two brochures, one entitled "OPERATION 'BAJA'" and the other bearing photograph of Fountainbleau on front cover and describing development known as COSTA AZUL.

RE: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

[redacted] was - AR b7C
SD 92-22

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Investigation in this matter has disclosed current address and activities of the Subject in Los Angeles, California. Subject has been residing in a Los Angeles apartment for which he has paid rent which currently has two months to run. [redacted] has been sought by the San Diego County Probation Office which holds warrant for his arrest for failure to provide. Information concerning [redacted] present whereabouts has been furnished to the San Diego County Probation Office, which office will advise of [redacted] arrest.

In view of [redacted] residence in Los Angeles, he is being discontinued as one of the San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. However, as noted above, investigation by the FBI in San Diego and Los Angeles will probably result in his arrest by San Diego County authorities, inasmuch as authorities were attempting to locate [redacted] in order to serve the warrant. b7C

[redacted] was - AR b7C
SD 92-98 b7C
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[redacted] is being substituted for [redacted] as one of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. PCI [redacted] who is [redacted] also a Top Ten San Diego Hoodlum, has furnished considerable information concerning their background activities and associates.

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PCI [redacted] also [redacted] on instructions of the San Diego Office, has obtained [redacted] b7C
This [redacted] is [redacted] and is [redacted] in conjunction with [redacted] in San Diego, the [redacted] b7D
Through PCI [redacted] he has obtained valuable information concerning [redacted] activities, as well as having identified out-of-town Italians contacting [redacted] associates.

Through association with [redacted] of the [redacted] PCI [redacted] has obtained additional valuable information concerning contacts between San Diego Italians, including some Top Ten Hoodlums and Italians residing in Tijuana and Ensenada, B. C., Mexico. b7C b7D

[redacted] according to PCI [redacted] has advised him that he was, several years ago, a member of the Mafia in New York City and has also lived for several years in Chicago. [redacted] stated that the [redacted] is a [redacted] for [redacted] members. [redacted] has stated he has [redacted] and also one in [redacted] where [redacted] has also worked. b7C b7D

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[redacted] has told PCI [redacted] that the Sicilian Italians and the Napolitano Italians each have separate Mafia organizations in many locations, including New York City. These two groups are traditional enemies and killings often result in the efforts of either group to muscle in or control certain illegal activities. PCI [redacted] has been instructed to attempt to obtain additional and more specific details concerning the alleged organization of the Napolitano and Sicilian Mafias. As previously reported, [redacted] informant, has previously advised that the Mafia is a loosely knit group. The Mafia takes control of only b7C b7D

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those Italians who engage in illegal activities, forcing them to comply with instructions of Italian underworld leaders and requiring that they pay a percentage of their illegal earnings to said leaders.

PCI [redacted] named above, has also furnished information concerning Italians residing in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, who are associates or former associates of some of the San Diego Top Hoodlums. b7C b7D

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

REC-42

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[redacted] was - AR
SD 92-17

San Diego County District Attorney Investigator [redacted] advised that District Attorney [redacted] had recently interviewed [redacted] at the California State Penitentiary for Men at Chino, California, in an effort to obtain information concerning gambling. [redacted] related that [redacted] told [redacted] that bookmaking in Southern California was only a small part of gambling involved and that football and baseball pools and betting were becoming more widespread. [redacted] indicated that he made more money on baseball and football bets than he did on bookmaking. Investigator [redacted] is attempting to ascertain any additional information furnished by [redacted] which he will furnish to the San Diego Office.

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JOSEPH SICA, was - AR
SD 92-29
00 - LA
LA 92-115

MEYER HARRIS COHEN, was - AR
SD 92-75
00 - LA
LA 92-106

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On 4-10-58 INS Investigator [redacted] advised that [redacted] had returned to Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, from Mexico City and was again in favor with Mexican politicians. [redacted] recently approached [redacted] to obtain a temporary permit to

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visit Los Angeles. Following said visit [redacted] advised [redacted] that he was well acquainted with LANA TURNER, movie actress, and JOHN STOMPANATO, her deceased boy friend. [redacted] declared that he had been in LANA TURNER's home in several instances. [redacted] is identified on page 38 of report of SA [redacted] dated 12-23-57, captioned [redacted] was - AR", at Los Angeles, as a former associate of SICA. According to this report, [redacted] made bets as high as $3,000.00 on horses with SICA, and SICA was in contact with [redacted] in connection with obtaining narcotics from Mexico.

[redacted] is mentioned frequently in San Diego GIIF reports in connection with narcotics, prostitution, and fencing activities in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. He formerly owned and operated the Midnight Follies and Castillo Night Clubs in Tijuana. Various confidential sources and U. S. Customs Agents reported that he was heavily engaged in narcotics traffic. [redacted] also operated the largest house of prostitution in Tijuana, located on the Tijuana-Ensenada, B. C., Mexico highway, near Tijuana. This house was closed by Baja California authorities about three years ago, following which [redacted] went to Mexico City. Unverified reports have since been received that he was producing movies in Mexico City and in connection therewith was using prostitutes from Hollywood, in Mexico City and in Acapulco.

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] now holds some sort of commission with the Mexican government which permits him to obtain copies of reports of investigations conducted by any of the Mexican police agencies throughout Mexico. [redacted] is also promoting bull fights in Tijuana, the first of which will be held on May 4, 1958. [redacted] was several years ago associated with the Tijuana bull ring.

[redacted] is described in report of SA [redacted] San Diego, dated 11-1-50, captioned "UNSUB; [redacted] VICTIM - OJ" page 11, as white, male, born [redacted] at [redacted]

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In view of [redacted] background and past associations with Southern California hoodlums and several of the movie colony in Hollywood, Investigator [redacted] has agreed to advise the San Diego Office whenever temporary permits to visit the United States are issued to [redacted] in order that consideration may be given to surveilling him. b7C

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY b7C

[redacted] was - AR
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On 4-12-58 INS Investigator [redacted] San Ysidro, California, advised SA [redacted] that INS San Francisco Office had informed that information had been received from an undisclosed source that [redacted] was in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, and may attempt to reenter the United States. [redacted] related [redacted] was a notorious New York hoodlum, against whom deportation proceedings had been instituted and who disappeared before the warrant of deportation could be served by INS.

[redacted] related that a reliable Italian source in Tijuana had identified a photo of [redacted] as being individual he saw in Palermo Bar operated by [redacted] and in 21 Club operated by [redacted] and [redacted] all Sicilian hoodlums. [redacted] was deported from the United States previously for narcotics violations. This information was furnished by teletype to the Bureau and Chicago, with copy to New York. b7C

On 4-17-58 [redacted] advised SA [redacted] that he observed individual previously identified by his sources in Tijuana as being identical with [redacted] in 21 Club, night of 4-16-58. [redacted] has obtained photograph of this unidentified b7C

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individual, which he is making available to the San Diego Office. [redacted] stated that it is now his opinion that this individual is not identical with [redacted] This individual, whom he described as a well-dressed Italian, allegedly told [redacted] operator of the 21 Club, that he was going to Chicago by plane in a few days.

[redacted] stated he has an informant surveilling this individual in an effort to further identify him. [redacted] will furnish all pertinent information received to the San Diego Office.

ANTONINO MIRABILE, was - AR
SD 92-20

On 4-15-58 fisur of MIRABILE was conducted by San Diego Office. MIRABILE holds meetings with associates in Balboa Park, opposite Palomar Hotel, owned by him. As previously reported, PCI [redacted] advised that MIRABILE has lookout or bodyguard. This individual has since been observed by San Diego Agents. He has been observed on the park bench from where he can cover visually the Palomar Hotel and from where MIRABILE can signal to him. He has been observed waving to MIRABILE when MIRABILE leaves the Palomar Hotel. It is noted that he does not sit with MIRABILE or talk to him openly. He frequently stations himself some distance from MIRABILE and looks over passing traffic and people while MIRABILE is talking to associates in the park. In other instances he has been observed to proceed to the Palomar Hotel, which he enters and remains in, while MIRABILE is on the park bench. From the hotel he can, of course, signal to MIRABILE and observe any suspicious individual who might be surveilling MIRABILE.

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On 4-15-58 among the individuals contacting MIRABILE in the park was [redacted] a San Diego Sicilian tavern owner and relative of [redacted] Milwaukee Top Hoodlum.

On 4-16-58 PCI [redacted] advised that [redacted] for [redacted] and who is Italian Vice Consul in San Diego, and an officer in the San Diego Fishermen's Association, [redacted] mentioned to [redacted] that he planned to work for MIRABILE and [redacted] who operates the Bernardo Winery and Grape Farm for MIRABILE. [redacted] stated that inasmuch as he, [redacted] was fond of [redacted] he wished to tell him confidentially [redacted] at this ranch, commenting it is probably [redacted] said that he [redacted] and MIRABILE, and their associates, but that he ascertained that they were members of the Mafia and has since not contacted them except when necessary on business. [redacted] commented "I am telling you, like your father would, that these men are rough and they wouldn't hesitate to murder another Italian."

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PCI [redacted] has previously [redacted]

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[redacted] was - AR
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PCI [redacted] is [redacted]. He has identified [redacted] as [redacted] at the [redacted] has introduced [redacted] to several out-of-town Italians and local Italian associates of [redacted] MIRABILE, and other San Diego hoodlums.

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On 4-11-58 PCI [redacted] advised that [redacted] a Pittsburgh Hoodlum, has been operating in and out of San Diego for the past two months. PCI stated [redacted] is Top Hoodlum, Detroit Division. [redacted] SAM and GABRIEL, operate numbers racket and houses of prostitution in the Pittsburgh area. [redacted] who is known under the nickname [redacted] has associated with top jewel thieves and has been frequenting the [redacted] He has put out information indicating that he plans to purchase the [redacted] It is noted that GABRIEL and SAMUEL MANNARINO are both Top Hoodlums, Pittsburgh. [redacted] have reportedly been sending [redacted] $25,000 per year from Pittsburgh.

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An Informant of the San Diego Police Department has advised that [redacted] is married to [redacted] "who is worth millions". She allegedly stated she married [redacted] for business reasons. Due to [redacted] and associations she reportedly flew to Pittsburgh recently to see [redacted] On arrival there she was told that both SAMUEL and GABRIEL were in Havana, Cuba.

[redacted] has been associating with an unidentified individual using name [redacted] with alias [redacted] from Miami, Florida, who drives a blue Cadillac bearing Florida license. [redacted] in comments to individuals in La Jollan Bar has stated that he owns several bars in Miami. He reportedly has an ex-model travelling with him.

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[redacted] has been running up bar bills in the La Jollan Bar. [redacted] has allegedly notified the bar operator that she will pay no further bills for [redacted]

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On 4-14-58 jewelry and cash valued at $12,750.00 b7C
were stolen from the room of a wealthy couple from Texas who were staying at the La Jollan Hotel. San Diego Police Department officers speculate that [redacted] has something to do with this burglary and possibly fingered the theft inasmuch as the valuable diamond ring had been displayed prominently by the Victim in the La Jollan.

PCI [redacted] who furnished original information concerning [redacted] presence at the La Jollan, and [redacted] and associates in the past, is being assigned to contact him in an effort to ascertain his activity. b7C b7D

Concerning the burglary described above, a new ITSP case has been opened in the San Diego Office captioned "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Theft of Jewelry and Currency, Value - $12,750. La Jollan Hotel, San Diego, California, 4-14-58 - ITSP".

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

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ANTONINO MIRABILE, was - AR
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On 4-21-58 PCI [redacted] identified and furnished description of individual whose actions indicated he was look-out or body guard for MIRABILE. This individual is [redacted] FBI [redacted] operates a small beer tavern in San Diego, the [redacted] His CII record reflects five-year sentence [redacted] for assault with intent to do great bodily harm. [redacted] was born in [redacted] on [redacted] [redacted] has been contacted by San Diego Agents in connection with Bureau Fugitives and efforts are being made to develop him as a PCI.

Fisur is being conducted by San Diego Agents to identify associates and contacts of MIRABILE. By letter dated 4-17-58 the Milwaukee Office furnished background information on [redacted] about whom information had recently been furnished by San Diego sources that [redacted] at the Barbet, operated by MIRABILE, had been brought to San Diego by him from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Milwaukee advised that [redacted] was at one time [redacted] of the Tower Hotel Bar, Milwaukee, which bar was the center of an investigation conducted by the Milwaukee Police Department regarding multiple tavern licenses held by [redacted] is the principal hoodlum among the Top Ten Hoodlums of the Milwaukee Division. [redacted] has FBI Number [redacted]

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SAC, San Diego (92-15)

April 30, 1958

Director, FBI

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

Reurmemo 3/7/58.

You should continue to stress the necessity for developing live informants who are in the position to furnish accurate and detailed information concerning the activities of the top hoodlums in your territory. A continuing evaluation of your informant program should be carried on with the aim of broadening and improving your coverage. Where it is determined that additional coverage is needed either as to a particular case or in a special area or category, intensive efforts should be directed toward obtaining such coverage at the earliest possible time.

In order to assure that this matter is receiving the necessary attention and that the program of developing live informant coverage is proceeding along the desired lines in your territory, you should submit to the Bureau not later than May 10, 1958, a summary of measures adopted and steps taken to develop informants in this program.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 5/2/58

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-105)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Re SAC letter number 58-25 dated 4/8/58 under heading "Dissemination of Information".

Pursuant to relet there is enclosed herewith one copy of letter to District Attorney, San Diego County, San Diego, California, relative to football cards mailed to San Diego sources by the Hyke Football Service, Fidelity Building, Main and Poydras, Dallas, Texas, during fall of 1957.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.
SD 92-105

530 Broadway
San Diego 1, California
May 2, 1958

Mr. Don Keller
District Attorney
San Diego County
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Keller:

A confidential source of this office has advised that football cards for betting purposes were shipped from the Hyke Football Service, Fidelity Building, Main and Poydras, Dallas, Texas, to San Diego customers during the 1957 football season. These cards were shipped via air express and were reportedly picked up by the customers at either the express office in downtown San Diego or at the airport.

The names of the San Diego addressees, together with dates of shipment and number of cards shipped, are listed herewith:

Customer	Date of Shipment	Number of Cards Shipped
[redacted]	9/16/57	1000
	9/23/57	1500
	9/30/57	1750
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	10/14/57	1750
	10/21/57	1750
	10/28/57	1750
	11/4/57	1750
	10/11/57	1750
	11/25/57	1750
	11/18/57	1750
	12/17/57	1250
[redacted]	9/16/57	2250
	9/23/57	2250
	9/30/57	2250
	10/7/57	2250
	10/14/57	2250

Customer	Date of Shipment	Number of Cards Shipped
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[redacted]	9/16/57	2000
	9/23/57	3000
	9/30/57	3000
	10/7/57	3000
	10/14/57	3000
	10/21/57	4000
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	11/4/57	4000
	11/11/57	4000
	11/25/57	4000
	11/18/57	4000
[redacted]	9/16/57	1000
	9/23/57	1000
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	10/21/57	1750
	10/28/57	1750
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The above is being furnished for your information and such action as you may deem appropriate. No active investigation is being conducted by the San Diego Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation inasmuch as no violation within the investigative jurisdiction of the FBI is indicated, based on information available to date.

Very truly yours,

C. ERWIN PIPER
Special Agent in Charge

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Date. 5-2-58

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE, was - AR
SD 92-20

Fisur is still being conducted by San Diego Agents to identify associates and contacts of MIRABILE. During the week of 4-28-58 MIRABILE's activities appeared to be rather limited. For instance, on 4-30-58 MIRABILE only left his apartment during the daytime on one occasion and then only for a period of approximately thirty minutes.

[redacted] was - AR
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On 5-1-58 [redacted] Robbery Detail, San Diego Police Department, advised he had received information recently which indicates that [redacted] is taking over some of the cafes formerly operated by ANTONINO MIRABILE. [redacted] who has FBI Number [redacted] according to [redacted] originally came to San Diego from Detroit, Michigan, and was a "second rate" bartender for TONY MIRABILE at the old Rainbow Gardens. Information available to [redacted] indicates that [redacted] is in very good financial position at the present time, drives a 1952 Cadillac, of which he is the sole owner, and resides in a very exclusive section of San Diego.

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The files of the San Diego Office reflect that in 1952 information was received that [redacted] was a member

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of the so-called "Italian outfit"--that is, the TONY MIRABILE-FRANK BOMPENSIERO Gang. In this connection on 5-17-52, [redacted] Detective, San Diego Police Department, advised that [redacted] was one of the individuals active in the promotion of the "Business Protective Association" which was sponsored by the "San Diego Tavern Owners Association". This latter group was an instrumentality of the MIRABILE-BOMPENSIERO combine.

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On 5-1-58, PCI [redacted] San Diego, advised that [redacted] formerly of the Los Angeles area, perhaps the Inglewood or Manhattan Beach area, is now residing at Hotel Nelson in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. He allegedly has about a $400,000.00 tax lien against him by Federal Treasury Agents in the Los Angeles area.

PCI advised that [redacted] is emigrating to Mexico; that he recently sold nine Italian racing cars to an unnamed Mexican in Guadalajara, Mexico, and that in the process of exporting these cars at San Ysidro, California, the seventh car, together with truck and trailer were seized. Treasury Agents allegedly also secured information as to the location of the remaining two cars and seized them, s posedly in the Los Angeles area.

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[redacted] is reported to be WMA [redacted] [redacted] wife resides in [redacted] California.

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Los Angeles has been requested to check for background information as to [redacted] furnishing photos and background to San Diego.

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STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 5-7-58

FROM : SAC, San Diego (92-15)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
CRIMINAL INFORMANT COVERAGE

ReBulet 4-30-58.

All Agents in the San Diego Division have been advised as to the identities of the Top Ten Hoodlums in this Division, together with information concerning their background, criminal activities, legitimate enterprises, and the identities of the most notorious associates of each. Each Agent has been instructed to endeavor to develop individuals in a position to furnish information concerning these hoodlums on a current and continuing basis.

The need for informant coverage has been further stressed at the time each Agent is afforded his monthly file review. A check is maintained to determine the actual production of each Agent.

Daily conferences have been held by the ASAC and myself with all of the Agents presently handling the Top Hoodlum Program. During these conferences the need for additional informant coverage is always stressed. Background information on the associates of San Diego's ten hoodlums is being developed to identify those who may possibly furnish pertinent information of value. Records of local, state, and federal agencies are being continually reviewed in an effort to identify other potential sources.

As a result of the above program, there are, as of May 1, 1958, 22 Symbol Number Criminal Informants and 122 Potential Criminal Informants in the San Diego Division.

Each of the top ten San Diego hoodlums is being covered by Criminal Informants and constant efforts are being made to increase said coverage.

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Seven of the top ten San Diego hoodlums are Italians. Additional investigations are being conducted on other San Diego hoodlums of Italian extraction. Since the start of this program, [redacted] has been developed. This CI, of [redacted] b2 His past activities include employment with [redacted] b7C Chicago, and association with [redacted] b7D Detroit top hoodlum, in a bar in Tucson, Arizona. [redacted] with other National top hoodlums, including RALPH CAPONE, Miami, and GABRIEL and SAM MANNARINO, Pittsburgh.

California Department of Investigation and Identification, Sacramento, California, their file number MO-TPH - CII 472830, states "Persons named in reference were described as known hoodlums in Tucson, Arizona, who frequent the Grace Ranch, which is stopover for criminals migrating from the east to California. They are members of the old Detroit Purple Gang or associated with former members." [redacted] is described in this file as a hoodlum associated with former members of this gang. In [redacted] was residing at [redacted] former residence, [redacted] b2 b7D

[redacted] is a [redacted] of San Diego top hoodlums [redacted] with aliases, both top ten San Diego Division hoodlums. In addition, [redacted] with aliases, also both top ten San Diego Division hoodlums. [redacted] SALVATORE BOMPENSIERO [redacted] of San Diego top ten hoodlums. [redacted] ANTONINO MIRABILE, with aliases, considered to be one of the most notorious of San Diego top ten hoodlums and mingles with associates of MIRABILE and other San Diego hoodlums. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] has furnished information and services of real value to the Bureau, as is set forth in San Diego letter to the Director, dated [redacted] captioned [redacted] Was. [redacted] and currently [redacted] has furnished valuable information in this program. b2 b7C b7D

Among PCIs being developed who have furnished valuable information and services in this program are:

[redacted] He has [redacted] hoodlums residing and operating in Tijuana and Ensenada, B. C., Mexico, and vicinity. On assignment by the San Diego Office, he has until recently [redacted] owned by San Diego top ten hoodlu[redacted] He has furnished valuable information concerning [redacted] his associates and activities. [redacted] ANTONINO MIRABILE, considered the most important of San Diego top ten hoodlums. He has identified lookout and bodyguard of MIRABILE on whom fisur is being conducted, which information was not previously known to San Diego Office and which, if not known, would have made disclosure thereof to MIRABILE possible. In addition, he has furnished other valuable information concerning MIRABILE and other San Diego hoodlums. He is being designated a Symbol Number Informant.

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[redacted] mentioned above, who is being contacted regularly in an effort to obtain his cooperation.

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[redacted] who has been contacted frequently by several San Diego top ten hoodlums and who has furnished valuable information concerning them.

[redacted] for several San Diego top ten hoodlums and their associates.

Separate letters reflecting the informant coverage on each of the San Diego top ten hoodlums have been submitted to the Bureau.

This matter will continue to receive my close personal attention in an effort to obtain the desired information.

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FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE, was - AR
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On 5-14-58 [redacted] aka [redacted] a well-known restaurant man in San Diego, brought [redacted] a [redacted], who is a [redacted] in San Diego, to Balboa Park, where he introduced [redacted] to MIRABILE. [redacted] introduced [redacted] as [redacted] and during the ensuing conversation MIRABILE encouraged [redacted] in his candidacy. He advised him not to waste time contacting people who knew him, but to get out and meet new people. In the discussion MIRABILE mentioned Senator KNOWLAND and stated he liked KNOWLAND as a candidate for Governor but did not know about KNOWLAND's sponsorship of the "Right to Work Bill" in California. MIRABILE said it was hard to get into some unions. [redacted] stated that he is a member of a tough union also--the "State Bar Association".

[redacted] - AR
SD 92-24

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It has been ascertained that [redacted] is driving 1953 Ford, which is registered to [redacted] Los Angeles. According to the Los Angeles Office, [redacted] is subject of Los Angeles file 17-290, captioned [redacted] - VETERANS ADMINISTRATION MATTER". Three post war complaints were made to the Los Angeles Office that [redacted] was charging over and above Veterans Administration appraisals for homes he was constructing in the Los Angeles

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area. On one occasion [redacted] returned $1,000.00 to the complainant and in the other instances [redacted] pled guilty and used the Statute of Limitations as a defense against the charges. He received thirty days probation. b7C

On 3-24-58 a Los Angeles Retail Merchants Credit Association report reflected [redacted] was self-employed from his residence as a painting contractor for the past 32 years. He claimed $40,000 earnings in 1955 and claimed total assets valued at $445,000.00, which included house furniture and real property.

On 5-8-58 PCI [redacted] advised that [redacted] fiancee is in San Diego and staying at the residence of [redacted] was - AR. [redacted] advised that her name is (FNU) [redacted] further advised that she lives near the International Airport in Los Angeles and is a divorcee with two children. She is approximately [redacted] years of age. b7C b7D

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

ANTONINO MIRABILE, was. - AR
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On 5/5/58 PCI [redacted] at suggestion of San Diego Office, [redacted] for [redacted] of said [redacted] for MIRABILE. (FNU) [redacted] who operates the nearby [redacted] stated that MIRABILE has, during the past years, brought numerous Sicilians from Detroit to San Diego and staked them in bars here. b7C b7D

[redacted] pointed out individual whom he described as Sicilian friend of MIRABILE whom he stated was involved in bombing of Italian in San Diego several years ago. [redacted] PCI is attempting to identify this individual. b7C b7D

MIRABILE is considered most important of San Diego top ten hoodlums.

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[redacted] was. - AR

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PCI furnished information concerning associates of [redacted] and other Sicilians who frequent the Sahara Club in San Diego owned by [redacted] He also advised concerning San Diego Police Department uniformed officer who is frequently in [redacted] company and who accompanies [redacted] about San Diego and to Los Angeles. PCI is of opinion this officer may be body guard. This officer identified by [redacted] has also furnished recent photograph of said officer in company of [redacted]

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[redacted] was. - AR

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On 5/7/58, PCI [redacted] and other San Diego tavernsowners including other top hoodlums, advised that [redacted] married [redacted] in Detroit. [redacted] is daughter of [redacted] Detroit top hoodlum, national. The wedding was held in a Masonic hall although all participants [redacted] inasmuch as this was the biggest hall available. Persons in attendance brought envelopes bearing cash, [redacted] as well as other wedding gifts.

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TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

Reurairtel 5/8/58 reflecting that Top Hoodlum Mirabile has during the past years brought numerous Sicilians from Detroit to San Diego and placed them in bars there.

You should be alert to further information indicating that Mirabile may be importing hoodlums from the Detroit area in order to set them up in racket activities in San Diego. Efforts should be made to develop the identity and other information concerning any such individuals imported to the San Diego area by Mirabile.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

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On May 22, 1958, [redacted] advised that the biggest bookmakers in the San Diego area were being bank rolled by a banker named [redacted] prominent in the U. S. National Bank, who was associated in this operation with [redacted] Caliente Race Track, and [redacted] Salt Lake City Top Hoodlum, National, who has interests in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Information furnished indicates that [redacted] is identical with [redacted] of San Diego, and [redacted] San Diego.

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One of [redacted] associates is [redacted] (SD 92-84) (INV) who is a [redacted] in the U. S. [redacted] [redacted] also operates the [redacted] in San Diego. He was interviewed in connection with investigation to locate National Top Hoodlum FRANK DESIMONE, Los Angeles, when investigation disclosed that [redacted] had co-signed several notes owned by DESIMONE. [redacted] is a close friend and former school chum of DESIMONE. [redacted] advised that principally, large debts involving doctors, lawyers, and business men were bank rolled by SMITH and associates through their front men, known as large bookmakers in the San Diego area, [redacted]

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Informant also named [redacted] whom he described as a big bookmaker, working with this organization. [redacted] Informant stated, came to San Diego via bookmaking operations in Las Vegas and Fresno, California, where he worked for some time for the SICA Brothers, JOE [redacted] JOE SICA is Top Hoodlum, National, Los Angeles Division. Informant stated that [redacted] left San Diego during the recent bookmaking investigations conducted by the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and he has reportedly returned to Chicago. b7C

It is noted that the bookmakers named above were not arrested by the San Diego County District Attorney or the Police Department during this bookmaking investigation, although officers working on said investigation informed the San Diego Office that they were considered among the principal bookmakers in this area.

PCI [redacted] a restaurant owner in San Diego, has previously advised that [redacted] is involved in bank rolling bookmaking activities in this area. [redacted] is known to be associated with [redacted] in the Banco del Pacifico, a bank controlled by [redacted] in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico. b7C b7D

Other sources have advised that [redacted] through the Banco del Pacifico, can dispose of "hot" money. Further, several sources have advised that [redacted] who is powerful politically throughout the State of California, may exert some influence over the San Diego Police Department and the District Attorney's Office. The failure of either of these organizations to interfere with this bookmaking operation indicates the possibility that he exerts sufficient influence to deter police action. It is known that at least one of these bookmakers, [redacted] continues to operate on a large scale without any interference. [redacted] and other well-known gamblers and politicians are in close contact with [redacted] b7C

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ANTONINO MIRABILE, was - AR
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PCI [redacted] at the [redacted] which is [redacted] MIRABILE. [redacted] was born in [redacted] as PCI and claims [redacted] PCI stated that several San Diego Police Officers are very friendly with [redacted] (SD 92-117) (INV), [redacted] PCI also [redacted] and with [redacted] of the [redacted] also [redacted] MIRABILE. b7C b7D b7C

[redacted] (FNU) [redacted] told PCI that [redacted] who is a [redacted] on the San Diego Police Department. This information has been verified. [redacted] San Diego Police Department. b7D

PCI stated that San Diego Police Department officer wearing Badge Number [redacted] who is also of Italian descent, is friendly with these individuals. Further, PCI stated that two Detectives frequent these bars at night (probably San Diego Police Department Vice Squad officers). [redacted] at the [redacted] told PCI that he need not fear these officers inasmuch as they were paid with bottles of whiskey weekly. b7D

[redacted] told PCI that [redacted] was a [redacted] of MIRABILE and was arrested by San Diego Police Department officers several years ago for [redacted] of an [redacted] whom the local Italians desired killed. A woman who entered this vehicle was seriously injured and the intended victim escaped. b7C b7D

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[redacted] was seen at the above vehicle but charges against him were later dropped.

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Informant stated that [redacted] and a Sicilian San Diego gambler, [redacted] visit Caliente Race Track [redacted] These individuals have made comments indicating that one of the Italian leaders in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, also described as an associate of [redacted] Caliente Race Track General [redacted] who is known to the Informant.

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[redacted] was - AR
SD 92-24

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[redacted] advised that [redacted] at [redacted] of employment, [redacted] on [redacted] This bar is [redacted] (SD 92-19), one of San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. [redacted] told CI that he planned to continue employment there inasmuch as his anticipated employment as distributor for Budweiser has not materialized, in view of recent strike. [redacted] anticipates such employment in view of pressure by local Italian bar owners to keep the distributorship within their element.

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[redacted] told Informant he planned to [redacted] some time during [redacted] It is anticipated that numerous out-of-town Italians will be present at this [redacted]

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[redacted] is [redacted] of Los Angeles [redacted] whose [redacted] Top Hoodlum National, Detroit Division. [redacted] are married to [redacted] both San Diego Top Ten Hoodlums. [redacted] is [redacted] of deceased, reputed former head of

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West Coast Mafia, JACK IGNATIUS DRAGNA.

[redacted] also [redacted] b7C
[redacted] of opening of Circus Room, a new bar adjacent to The Tropics in San Diego. b7D

[redacted] wa "Pop" - AR
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[redacted] has advised that [redacted] bar, Ocean Beach, San Diego, owned by [redacted] is hang-out or meeting place for Eastern hoodlums. CI stated that [redacted] was [redacted] at said bar. [redacted] a stranger in San Diego, told CI he had been here about one month and had come from New York City to set up a bookmaking operation. b2 b7C b7D

[redacted] who described himself as a former Chicago Police Officer, and an associate of AL CAPONE, [redacted] Informant to one [redacted] b7C b7D

[redacted] furnished CI his [redacted] which describes him as [redacted] San Diego. [redacted] stated [redacted] DIAMOND JOE ESPOSITO, deceased Chicago hoodlum, and that [redacted] was [redacted] Informant [redacted] as a former Chicago native. b7C b7D

In response to inquiry from Informant as to who was running things in Chicago now, [redacted] reportedly stated "the outfit is run by [redacted] South Side Bureau, b7C

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[redacted] all of whom operate in Ward 42, Chicago, controlled by [redacted]

It is noted that [redacted] is alias of [redacted] [redacted] and that both he and [redacted] are Top Hoodlums, Chicago Division. b7C

[redacted] told CI he had recently visited Chicago and that [redacted] he planned to visit [redacted] in San Diego "in a month or so". b7C

This information has been furnished Chicago by separate communication with request for information concerning [redacted] b7C

[redacted] was - AR
SD 92-78

[redacted] advised that [redacted] who is known to him under his commonly used aliases, [redacted] [redacted] is "good will ambassador" between local Italian bar owners and local and state politicians. b2 b7D

As previously reported, [redacted] was observed to bring [redacted] San Diego attorney, candidate for [redacted] [redacted] in San Diego, to Balboa Park, for conference with MIRABILE. MIRABILE conducts business meetings on park bench opposite Palomar Hotel, operated by him. b7C

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SAC SAN DIEGO 021730

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, AR, WEEKLY SUMMARIES. RE BULET TO NEW YORK MAY 26 LAST. RELET RECEIVED TOO LATE TO INCLUDE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THIS PROGRAM FROM INCEPTION. UACB SAME WILL BE INCLUDED IN NEXT WEEKLY SUMMARY DUE JUNE 9 NEXT.

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Mr. Rosen

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If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside the Bureau, it is suggested that it be suitably paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems.

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[redacted] was - AR
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[redacted] was - AR
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On 5-28-58 [redacted] who is being developed as a PCI, advised that [redacted] when [redacted] was [redacted] of said [redacted] PCI stated that [redacted] at that time was being assisted financially to some extent by [redacted] Further, [redacted] was also involved with [redacted] in several lottery transactions in Mexico and is currently assisting [redacted] financially in the operation of the Rosarito Beach Hotel. PCI informed that [redacted] recently [redacted] that he contemplated increasing gambling activities at Rosarito Beach. PCI stated that currently, and for the past several years, gambling involving large sums of money has been conducted at the Rosarito Beach Hotel [redacted] Only those [redacted] and associates are [redacted] in the games. [redacted] has several rooms completely outfitted with all types of gambling equipment which he shows to visitors, stating to them that he hopes some day to institute gambling.

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At the same time [redacted] has another building where gambling is permitted but which is shown only to those admitted to the games. It is noted that [redacted] has shown the room containing the gambling equipment to Mexican and United States officials, but none have previously indicated that they are aware of this subterfuge.

JOE SICA, ~~was~~ Calif ~~AR~~
SD 92-29 00 - LA

PCI advised that he has been in Mexico City a majority of the time during the past four years and about one month ago [redacted] there. [redacted] was occupying a residence on [redacted] Mexico City, number not recalled by [redacted] [redacted] was [redacted] bearing California license plates. He [redacted] that he was [redacted] stated he did not know what [redacted] PCI related that [redacted] is former San Diego [redacted] of the SICA [redacted] JOE [redacted] A review of case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; [redacted] - VICTIM - OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE" - 00 - LA (SD File 72-2) reflects that JOE SICA, [redacted] by several persons interviewed in connection with said case. [redacted] is probably identical with [redacted] FBI [redacted]

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On 5-28-58 PCI [redacted] with aliases, advised that [redacted] is actually the owner of Caliente Race Track, the Banco del Pacifico, the Jai Alai Hippodrome, and the 21 Club, all in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, even though [redacted] is publicized as the head of these enterprises. [redacted] is Chairman of the Board of the U. S. National Bank of San Diego, President of National Steel and Shipbuilding Corporation, and owner of the San Diego Pacific Coast League Baseball Team--the Padres. He is prominently

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known as "Mr. Republican" in San Diego.

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As previously reported, San Diego informants have advised that [redacted] bank rolls the larger bookmakers in the San Diego area and is associated in said gambling enterprises with [redacted] of Las Vegas, National Hoodlum.

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Newspaper accounts have recently publicized the attempts of a brother of [redacted] a prominent oil man in the Los Angeles area in his attempts to prevent the Brooklyn Dodgers from acquiring baseball facilities in Chavez Ravine, Los Angeles.

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Several reliable sources have stated that [redacted] "controls" San Diego County [redacted] There is some speculation that pressure from [redacted] caused [redacted] to discontinue the San Diego bookmaking investigations after he Calif allegedly had sufficient evidence to convict the alleged front men for [redacted] who included large-scale bookmakers [redacted] and [redacted] Toll calls charged to [redacted] during latter 1956 and the first months of 1957, while bookmaking investigation was under way, reflect numerous out-of-state calls almost daily.

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Further, Detective [redacted] in Charge Night Detail, San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, has stated that [redacted] runs San Diego". There is speculation that this may be the reason why San Diego Police Department has not curbed bookmaking in this area.

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PCI [redacted] advised that [redacted] is very active in attempting to have legislation passed in California to permit the importation of liquor from Tijuana to California. PCI alleges that [redacted] is also behind this movement.

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PCI [redacted] alleges that [redacted] completely controls the tuna industry in San Diego, inasmuch as the tuna boats are constructed by his company, the National Steel and Shipbuilding Corporation. [redacted] loans the fishermen money at ten per cent interest, purchases the tuna which is processed through the Westgate Tuna Company, also owned by him, and thereafter reclaims the tuna boats whenever the fishermen are unable to maintain payments. b7C b7D

PCI alleged that [redacted] who is in charge of [redacted] in Southern California, is also "controlled" [redacted] b7C

[redacted], ET AL - AR
SD 92-69 00 - PX Calif b7C

On 5-28-58 I & NS Investigator [redacted] advised that investigation instituted as a result of information furnished to INS by the Phoenix Office concerning [redacted] wa., indicates that such activities are widespread. Concerning this, reference is made to Phoenix airtel to the Director, dated 2-18-58, entitled [redacted] wa - AR" (00 - PX).

[redacted] related that [redacted] whose true name is [redacted] wa [redacted] are so involved. b7C

[redacted] stated investigation indicates that these individuals own six or seven planes which are being used to smuggle Cubans into the United States and to smuggle gold into Mexico for later shipment to unidentified sources in Zurich, Switzerland and China. The gold is flown to Tiburon Island in the Gulf of Baja California, from where it is placed on a yacht. The Chinese b7C

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outlet is in Guadalajara, Jalisco, and Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico. This gold is purchased in the United States for resale in the foreign market, where it brings a higher price.

[redacted] is described in Phoenix communication as the operator of a coin machine business in South Bend, Indiana, and is regarded as a hoodlum in that area. [redacted] is identical with FBI Number [redacted] and was the subject of San Diego Impersonation investigation (SD File 47-1082). In 1952 he was prosecuted on ITSP charges, was later removed to San Diego, where, on 11-10-52, he was released to local authorities for prosecution on charges of rape, forgery, and grand theft auto. [redacted] was born in [redacted] advised that [redacted] was recently indicted for fraudulent stock sale transactions in New Mexico, has been residing in Phoenix, Arizona, and New Mexico authorities have been unable to extradite him. His father was reportedly associated with the former Chicago AL CAPONE Gang. b7C

[redacted] may be identical with [redacted] [redacted] was., including [redacted] subject of Bureau File 95-15846, entitled [redacted] was; [redacted] was - ITSP, ITSMV". [redacted] possesses FBI [redacted] and was born in [redacted] b7C

San Diego sources are negative concerning [redacted] [redacted] advised that [redacted] represents himself to be associated with the American Investments Syndicate, Incorporated, with offices in Las Vegas, Nevada, and San Antonio, Texas. [redacted] stated investigation reflects that this corporation is not registered in either of these states or in California. The Better Business Bureau of San Diego has conducted some investigation concerning [redacted] who allegedly maintains bank accounts at the First National Bank, 30th and University, San Diego, and at the Security National Bank, Norman, Oklahoma. An attorney in Las Vegas receives mail for said concern, which is forwarded to [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] was - AR b7C
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On 5-28-58 PCI [redacted] advised that he had received information that [redacted] fixes traffic tickets through San Diego [redacted] The charge therefor is $25.00.

[redacted] is commonly used alias of [redacted] b7C

Relative to this matter, San Diego County District Attorney DON KELLER advised SA [redacted] that his office was conducting investigation based on an allegation of an individual arrested on a drunk driving charge that [redacted] Bail Bondsman, was engaged in irregular bonding activities. KELLER said that in said case, a $250.00 bond was posted by the drunk driver. Subsequently [redacted] contacted [redacted] at which time the charge was reduced to reckless driving. [redacted] records show that the drunk driver "appeared in person" before [redacted] at which time he pled guilty to a reckless driving charge in lieu of drunken driving and was fined a small amount. [redacted] thereafter refused to refund any of the $250.00 bond or charges paid by the drunken driver. b7C

KELLER stated he was concerned over the relationship of [redacted] with [redacted] and over the obviously false entry appearing in connection with the man's personal appearance inasmuch as in fact [redacted] appeared for him and the individual did not appear himself and was not represented by an attorney. b7C

KELLER further stated that he had received some information that [redacted] had on occasion loaned money to [redacted] and that [redacted] handled most of the bonds in connection with persons appearing before [redacted] b7C

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[redacted] is identical with [redacted]. He has reportedly recently [redacted]. He is a [redacted] and is well acquainted with [redacted]. He has on several occasions stated that he handles [redacted] for [redacted] for them. Many of his clients include [redacted] set at [redacted] and are not concerned with whether the [redacted] inasmuch as they prefer [redacted]. Otherwise, in many cases the appearance date is set at a time when their [redacted]. Their personal appearance would involve loss of several months' wages. It is the opinion of the San Diego Office that there are no irregularities whatsoever on the part of Judge BRENNAN or U. S. Commissioner GRAYDON.

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Pertinent information set forth above of interest to other offices is being furnished them by separate communication.

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To: SAC, San Diego (92-62)

From: Director, FBI

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WEEKLY SUMMARY

Reairtel 5/29/58 containing information received from PCI [redacted] was., concerning [redacted] of San Diego. b7C b7D

In order to properly evaluate this information, the Bureau desires the following additional details:

1. Advise whether PCI [redacted] has previously furnished accurate information and whether he is considered by your office as a reliable PCI.

2. Furnish identity of informants who have previously reported that [redacted] bankrolls bookmakers and evaluate the informants unless they are symbol informants of your office. b7C b7D

3. Furnish the name of [redacted] who reportedly has been active in efforts to prevent the Brooklyn Dodgers from acquiring baseball facilities in Chavez Ravine, Los Angeles.

4. Advise identity of sources reported in paragraph 3, page 3, of reairtel as having stated that [redacted] controls [redacted] Advise source of speculation for statement that [redacted] to discontinue bookmaking investigations.

5. Furnish any further details concerning Detective [redacted] statement that [redacted] runs San Diego as reflected in paragraph 4, page 3 of reairtel. Advise source of statement in same paragraph to effect there is speculation that this may be the reason the San Diego Police Department has not curbed bookmaking.

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SAC, San Diego (92-62)
Re - Top Hoodlum Program
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6. Furnish any further data concerning [redacted] alleged efforts to have legislation passed concerning the importation of liquor from Tijuana. b7C

You should immediately prepare a letterhead memorandum reflecting pertinent information concerning the above report and submit same to the Bureau for dissemination to Customs and to the Internal Revenue Service.

The above information should be immediately furnished to the Bureau and thereafter you should follow this matter very closely especially with regard to any possible Bureau violation.

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TO : Mr. Boardman

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SUBJECT: TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM -
DEVELOPMENTS IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

PROMINENT SAN DIEGO BANKER DESCRIBED AS FINANCIAL BACKER OF TOP HOODLUMS

Vice Squad Detective Alleges [redacted] "Runs" San Diego

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[redacted] a potential criminal informant of the San Diego Office, advised recently that [redacted] is the actual owner of Caliente Race Track, the Banco del Pacifico, the Jai Alai Hippodrome and a night club known as the "21 Club," all in Tijuana, Mexico, even though top local hoodlum [redacted] is publicly recognized as the head of these enterprises. [redacted] is chairman of the board of the U. S. National Bank of San Diego, president of the National Steel and Shipbuilding Corporation and owner of the San Diego "Padres" in the Pacific Coast League. He is popularly referred to as [redacted] in San Diego.

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Rumors have been persistent since 1946 that [redacted] has been the actual backer in most of [redacted] enterprises in Tijuana, and several reliable sources have stated that [redacted] controls San Diego [redacted] Speculation has been rife for more than ten years that [redacted] zeal in suppressing gambling activities in San Diego springs from [redacted] economic interest in forcing individuals who desire to gamble to patronize his establishments across the border.

Detective [redacted] who is in [redacted] told Agents confidentially that [redacted] San Diego.

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According to [redacted] also controls the tuna industry operating out of the San Diego area inasmuch as the tuna boats are constructed by a company he owns, the loans enabling fishermen to purchase these boats are made through companies controlled by Smith and the tuna which they catch is processed by another company he owns. By charging a high rate of interest, said to be 10 per cent, [redacted] has been able to reclaim many of these boats when the fishermen are unable to maintain payments.

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Memorandum to Mr. Boardman
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The potential criminal informant also alleged that [redacted] was behind [redacted] drive by means of which he is attempting to have legislation passed in California permitting the importation of liquor [redacted] Tijuana. He also claimed that [redacted] who is in charge of [redacted] in Southern California, is "controlled" by [redacted]

The San Diego Office has been instructed to follow this matter closely with a view to obtaining corroborative data and to prepare appropriate memoranda for dissemination to Internal Revenue, the Bureau of Customs, and other interested agencies. A review of Bureau files indicates [redacted] was considered a [redacted] of the San Diego Office during [redacted] and subsequent to [redacted] was carried as a source of information in view of the type of information he was able to furnish. Much of the information supplied by PCI [redacted] had previously been reported as "rumor" by other sources since 1946.

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REPORT GAMBLERS MEET IN CHATTANOOGA TO DECIDE ON REPLACEMENT FOR OUSTED [redacted]

Agreed to Support [redacted] Informant Alleges

[redacted] a potential criminal informant of the Knoxville Office, advised recently that a [redacted] was held [redacted] a top local hoodlum of the Knoxville Office and seven other leading gamblers from the Chattanooga area.

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The purpose of this get-together was allegedly to agree upon the [redacted] for the [redacted] which will be held soon to select a replacement for [redacted] recently [redacted] and removed from his position as [redacted] for the [redacted] Tennessee. It may be noted that prominent among the charges leading to [redacted] ouster was one alleging his connivance with gamblers and racketeers.

The informant stated that the gambling element agreed to support [redacted] presently [redacted] at Chattanooga, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the Hamilton County post. [redacted] placed a [redacted] and discussed with

him the matter of support by gamblers in his campaign. According to the informant, it is not indicated that [redacted] has been connected with the gambling element in the Chattanooga area in the past, but he appeared receptive to the support offered him. The "assembly" also decided to support [redacted] Chattanooga detective who is presently [redacted] at Chattanooga, in his campaign for the office of [redacted]

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RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum has been prepared for the Director's information in connection with the progress being made under the Top Hoodlum Program. While it is felt that each of the above items is particularly significant, it is felt that they require additional development and confirmation before dissemination outside the Bureau can be considered.

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 6/6/58

FROM : SAC, SAN DIEGO (92-62)

SUBJECT: [redacted] b7C

TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM
WEEKLY SUMMARY

62-9-46-32

Re San Diego airtel to Director dated 5/29/58 and Bureau airtel dated 6/3/58, both entitled TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, WEEKLY SUMMARY.

In accordance with reBuairtel, replies to the items listed therein are set forth herewith.

1. PCI [redacted] was., has been contacted irregularly for the past several years by the San Diego Office, principally in connection with Chinese matters. Most of the information furnished by him has been negative. Where possible to verify information furnished by him, said information has been found to be reliable. There is no indication on the basis of contacts to date that he has furnished false information to the Bureau. Relative to the information attributed to him in re San Diego airtel, he was unable to furnish any additional information to substantiate the allegations made. b7C b7D

2. As set forth in San Diego airtel to the Director dated 5/23/58 entitled TOP HOODLUM PROGRAM, WEEKLY SUMMARY, on 5/22/58 [redacted] advised that the biggest bookmakers in the San Diego area were being bankrolled by a banker named [redacted] prominent in the U. S. National Bank, who was associated in this operation with [redacted], Caliente Race Track, and [redacted] Salt Lake City top hoodlum, National, who has interests in Las Vegas, Nevada. This airtel further states that said informant indicated that the [redacted] referred to by [redacted] is identical with [redacted] This airtel further points out that one of [redacted] associates is [redacted] subject b2 b7C b7D

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of San Diego A-R case 92-84, who is a heavy stock holder in the U. S. National Bank. Further information concerning [redacted] and some background is set out therein. In the airtel, [redacted] stated that principally large bets involving doctors, lawyers, and businessmen were bankrolled by [redacted] and associates through their front men, known as large bookmakers in the San Diego area. These bookmakers were identified as [redacted] b2 b7C b7D

Some information concerning [redacted] association with [redacted] Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, is also set forth in this weekly summary of 5/23/58. b7C

San Diego Police Department Detective [redacted] in charge of the San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, Night Detail, and Sergeant [redacted] who has in the past conducted general criminal intelligence investigations in San Diego, have both advised on numerous occasions that bookmaking and large scale gambling is somewhat controlled in this area by the [redacted] brothers and by [redacted] They have pointed out that [redacted] is a business associate of [redacted] and that front men, including [redacted] were capable of running bookmaking operations. b7C

3. [redacted] is brother of [redacted] referred to in re San Diego airtel. Information concerning him was furnished the Bureau by CRIMDEL airtel dated 6/2/58 and Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary airtel dated 6/6/58. b7C

4. [redacted] have stated that [redacted] San Diego". "controls" [redacted] and is known as [redacted] in San Diego. It is noted that KELLER was unopposed in election held in San Diego 6/3/58 for the office of San Diego County District Attorney, on the Republican ticket. District Attorney Investigator CHARLES WOODS commented to SA [redacted] that this somewhat surprised him inasmuch as other individuals had indicated they planned to run for said office. b7C

5. [redacted] are two of the sources of speculation for the statement that [redacted] caused KELLER to discontinue bookmaking investigations and also b7D

for the speculation that the San Diego Police Department has not curbed bookmaking. Additional information is set forth below tending to indicate that either [redacted] or someone wielding considerable influence has exerted pressure on both the San Diego County District Attorney's Office and local Police officers to overlook bookmaking activities and also to discontinue some investigations instituted. b7C

6. PCI [redacted] furnished no additional data concerning [redacted] alleged efforts to have legislation passed concerning the importation of liquor from Tijuana. The San Diego Office has received no additional information tending to substantiate this allegation. As previously reported, sources, including [redacted] and [redacted] have stated that [redacted] is associated with the [redacted] brothers in several enterprises in Tijuana, B. C., Mexico, including the Caliente Race Track and the Banco Del Pacifico in Tijuana. [redacted] also operates several night clubs in Tijuana. The San Diego Office will be alert for any additional information concerning this allegation and will advise the Bureau on receipt thereof. b7C b7D

Tending to substantiate allegations concerning [redacted] and local law enforcement authorities is the following information, all of which has previously been furnished to the Bureau under appropriate headings in CRIMDEL and Top Hoodlum Program Weekly Summary airtels. b7C

1. The "San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 12/23/57 carried an item captioned, "Judge Denies Move in Bookie Case", which was furnished the Bureau by CRIMDEL airtel dated 12/26/57. In connection with information contained in this article, some 16 San Diego bookmakers were recently indicted (12/26/57) by the San Diego County Grand Jury for felony bookmaking violations. One of the individuals mentioned in this article, alleged to be the head of a large bookmaking ring in San Diego, is JOHN HODGE WILLSON. WILLSON has been designated one of San Diego's top ten hoodlums.

2. By CRIMDEL airtel dated 1/2/58 San Diego advised that [redacted] had informed on 12/30/57 that [redacted] [redacted] (mentioned as an associate of [redacted] and b2 b7C b7D

the [redacted] was the man to contact to invest undeclared income tax money. Informant stated that San Diego bookmakers [redacted] were being backed by [redacted] b7C

This same CRIMDEL airtel dated 1/2/58 described interview of [redacted] by San Diego Agents on 12/31/57, during which time he was visited by [redacted] Caliente Race Track, and was phoned by [redacted] Reno, Nevada hoodlum and large scale gambler in Nevada. b7C

3. San Diego CRIMDEL airtel to Director dated 2/4/58 enclosed the following news items under the heading, "Bookmaking, San Diego, California" One news item appearing in the "San Diego Union" dated 2/2/58 was entitled "Bookee 'Fix' is Charged by Hewicker". According to the item, Superior Court Judge JOHN A. HEWICKER, San Diego County, stated "he thinks fixing of bookmaking cases in San Diego has been occurring". Another headlined article appearing in the "San Diego Evening Tribune" dated 2/3/58 entitled "Bookees Run, Police Know It, Jury Hints". This item, purported to report findings and recommendations of the San Diego County Grand Jury, alleged "that organized horse race bookmaking apparently has existed in San Diego with the full knowledge of the Police Department." The article set forth that during Grand Jury investigation of bookmaking in San Diego, 17 persons were indicted on bookmaking charges. Also included in this article is a statement of San Diego Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN acknowledged the existance of bookmaking by criticizing the District Attorney and the Grand Jury for not requesting the assistance or cooperation of the San Diego Police Department in connection with the bookmaking investigations.

This CRIMDEL airtel further sets forth on page four that CHARLES WOODS (NA), San Diego County District Attorney Investigator, had advised that several Grand Jury indictments would be returned against large scale bookmakers in San Diego in the near future, including HERMAN HETZEL.

4. As is set forth above, San Diego Top Hoodlum Program Weekly Summary dated 5/23/58 sets forth allegations by [redacted] concerning [redacted] bankrolling several San Diego bookmakers. b2 b7C b7D

5. San Diego Top Hoodlum Program Weekly Summary dated 4/11/58 sets forth information received from District Attorney Investigator [redacted] that [redacted] told District Attorney [redacted] that bookmaking in Southern California was only a small part of gambling involved and that football and baseball pools and betting were becoming more widespread. [redacted] indicated that he made more money on baseball and football bets than he did on booking matters. The Bureau's attention is called to the allegations set forth in San Diego Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary airtel dated 6/6/58 concerning allegations by a Detective of the National City Police Department concerning the fixing of the spread of the score of San Diego Padre baseball games. The Padre baseball team is owned by Westgate Tuna Company, which is owned by the [redacted] brothers. b7C

6. Referring to the item above in which District Attorney Investigator [redacted] advised that indictments would be returned against bookmakers [redacted] and others by the San Diego County Grand Jury, [redacted] subsequently advised SA [redacted] of the San Diego Office that District Attorney [redacted] recently told him that he was discontinuing all bookmaking investigations in San Diego and that all such information received in the future would be referred to the San Diego Police Department. It is noted that [redacted] and others have not been indicted. List of telephone calls obtained by the District Attorney's Office in connection with their investigation was furnished to the San Diego Office in connection with another matter. This list reflects toll calls throughout the United States. [redacted] commented that he was surprised at [redacted] action and that no further bookmaking investigations are being conducted by the District Attorney's Office. b7C b7C

7. On 6/2/58 Detective Sergeants [redacted] and [redacted] the latter in charge of the San Diego Police Department Vice Squad, advised SA [redacted] that bookmaking was going as much as ever in San Diego and that the same principal bookmakers were involved as before the San Diego County District Attorney's investigation which resulted in the indictment of some 16 "petty bookmakers". ORMSBY stated that he had discussed the situation with Chief of Police A. E. JANSEN and had been told not to get excited over bookmaking investigations; with respect to said investigations, to confine them to matters which would "keep the heat off the San Diego Police Department". b7C

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8. With respect to the above, on 6/4/58 [redacted] one of the Directors of Caliente Race Track [redacted] and [redacted] were observed having lunch together at the U. S. Grant Hotel, San Diego, by SA [redacted] b7C

9. Reflecting on the character of [redacted] associates, including [redacted] San Diego Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary dated 3/21/58 reported the alleged contact with [redacted] by MICKEY COHEN, top hoodlum, National, Los Angeles Division, and one [redacted] the alleged numbers king, in Mexico City on or about 3/17/58. b7C

Pursuant to reBuairtel, there are enclosed herewith five copies each of two letterhead memorandums for possible dissemination to Customs and Internal Revenue Service.

It is suggested that unless and until more specific verified facts are obtained from reliable sources these letters not be disseminated for the following reasons:

1. The information was reported as received. No investigation has been conducted to verify it inasmuch as no violation within the Bureau's investigative jurisdiction appears to have occurred.

2. The information is of a non-specific general nature and does not contain facts sufficient to support a specific violation.

3. Statements of PCI [redacted] may be prejudiced inasmuch as reports have been received that he [redacted] one possible reason being that [redacted] reportedly [redacted] some time ago. b7C b7D

4. The information reported in re San Diego airtel was obtained from confidential sources whose identities must be protected.

5. It is the opinion of San Diego Office Agents cognizant with local crime conditions that [redacted] does not directly bankroll bookmakers, but that such b7C

activity may be inferred from his association with the [redacted] named above, and others involved in gambling. b7C

6. PCI [redacted] recently advised that he was aware of investigation conducted concerning illegal [redacted]. He stated that relative thereto [redacted] concerning the [redacted] He did not further elaborate. The attention of the Bureau is called to San Diego airtel to the Director dated 3/9/57 captioned [redacted] aka, ITSP (San Diego file [redacted] In said case the Mexican Consul is identified as [redacted] and details are set forth concerning alleged [redacted] Information in said case was furnished by letter to U. S. Customs, San Diego. It is possible that [redacted] ascertained that [redacted] in said case. It is noted that a Bureau numbered informant furnished the information in said case and he was in danger of being exposed. b7C b7D

7. In the dissemination of information in re airtel, there is danger of the sources of said information getting back to [redacted]. As pointed out in re airtel, [redacted] is prominent in Republican circles in San Diego. b7C

8. Information concerning gambling on Padre baseball games has been furnished the Bureau by CRIMDEL airtel and by Top Hoodlum Weekly Summary letter. As reflected in these communications, this information has, according to the source, a Detective on the National City Police Department, been furnished by him to District Attorney [redacted] San Diego. b7C

9. It is noted in case captioned [redacted] aka, SPECIAL INQUIRY, report of SA [redacted] dated 4/24/53 at San Diego, page ten, [redacted] advised that [redacted] had been employed by him since approximately 1950 as a special assistant to him and as a trouble shooter for the bank. b7C

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Dear Sir:

Unsubstantiated information has been received from a confidential source that [redacted] Chairman of the Board of the U. S. National Bank of San Diego, San Diego, California, has bankrolled some of the larger bookmakers in the San Diego area, and is associated in said gambling enterprises with the Alessios, who operate Caliente Race Track, Tijuana, Baja California, Mexico, and with Wilber Clark of Las Vegas, Nevada. b7C

Where possible to verify, prior information received from this source has been found to be reliable.

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ENCLOSURE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Dear Sir:

Information has been received from a confidential source that [redacted] controls U. S. Collector of Customs Frank Thornton, U. S. Treasury Department, who is in charge of U. S. Customs in Southern California. b7C

Where possible to verify, prior information furnished by this source has been found to be reliable.

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